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PA links security ties to further withdrawals

By STEVE RODAN

Palestinian security officials said last night they were not cooperating with Israel in investigating the suicide bombings in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market and on Rehov Ben-Yehuda.

They conditioned such a step on Israel carrying out further redeployment in the West Bank. Mohammed Dahlan, chief of the Palestinian Authority's Preventive Security Apparatus in the Gaza Strip, said he was

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prepared to cooperate with Israel "on condition that it participates in the peace process. This means implementation of the interim agreements signed until now."

Samir Mashrawi, an aide to Dahlan, said the Palestinians and Israelis were conducting separate investigations into the bombings. He added that neither side was sharing information.

"Until now, there is no information from the Israelis," he said. "There is no joint investigation and there is no cooperation."

Mashrawi said the PA investigation has not turned up information to identify those behind the bombings.

Israeli officials maintain that the Ben-Yehuda and Mahaneh Yehuda bombings were both carried out by Hamas members from the West Bank or Gaza Strip. PA officials, including chairman Yasser Arafat, maintain that the bombers came from abroad.

Israeli security officials said they have detected increased PA willingness to cooperate with the investigation, but that they interpreted the readiness as a demonstration meant for US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's behalf. She is scheduled to arrive on Wednesday.

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Court backs parents who refused surgery for retarded son

By JUDY SIEGEL

In an unprecedented ruling the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday accepted the appeal by parents of a severely retarded eight-year-old boy against a hospital's plans to insert a permanent catheter for dialysis that would extend his life.

The ruling, by Judge Uri Goren, overturned a family court decision to force the parents to agree to the surgery.

Goren added, however, that the ruling does not allow the hospital to disconnect the boy from life-support systems. Yitzhak Hoshen, the family's lawyer, said he did not expect the state to appeal to the Supreme Court, as "the medical expert appointed by the court, Prof. Yitzhak Vinograd of Assaf Harofeh Hospital, sided with the parents. Any further discussion of this explosive issue could lead to a coalition crisis."

The case involves a boy suffering from severe congenital mental retardation and kidney failure. His parents have cared for him devotedly since birth.

When the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah



Anis al-Qaq (right), the Palestinian Authority's deputy minister for planning and international cooperation, speaks yesterday at the funeral of Smadar Elhanan at Kibbutz Nahshon. (Reuters)

PA envoy attends funeral of bomb victim

By STEVE RODAN

Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat sent a senior official yesterday to the funeral of 14-year-old Smadar Elhanan, granddaughter of the late general and peace activist, Matti Peled. Elhanan was killed in Thursday's suicide bombings in Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda.

"We have wanted to participate and send condolences to all the families. But it is impossible to do this," Anis al-Qaq, the PA's deputy minister of planning and international cooperation, said.

"But when we found those people who are related to General Peled, we contacted the family and said Mr. Arafat would like to pay respects and participate in the funeral. It was very appreciated by them. They were so touched by this gesture."

At Elhanan's funeral at Kibbutz Nahshon, al-Qaq delivered Arafat's condolences and a pledge to fight terrorism.

"The killers don't differentiate between those who are for the

peace process and those who are not," he said. "They want to kill everything. Mr. Arafat is committed to uprooting terrorism. The irony is that this happened to a great family. We really admire this family."

Peled, a longtime advocate of Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, was one of the first Israelis to meet with PLO officials at a time when Israel outlawed such contacts. He served as a commander in the Six Day War, and as a Knesset member in the 1980s.

Al-Qaq said Arafat planned other gestures to Israeli terror victims.

"From the point of policy, there will be other gestures if circumstances permit," he said. "We don't want to impose ourselves or create problems."

"We are unhappy. You are unhappy. There is so much pain going on," he added.

Al-Qaq also called for tighter security cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians.

"There are talks. But they should be more intensive," he

said. Former prime minister Shimon Peres recalled Peled's hope of a resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Standing at Smadar's grave,

Peres said, "we all hoped that there would be an opportunity for boys and girls like you, that young men and women, like you would not be taken by the sword or by bombs, or by evil or by pain."

PM raps talk over pullout

Officer killed in Hizbullah clash

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and SARAH HONG

As a bereaved nation prepared to bury the remaining four navy commandos killed in a botched raid in Lebanon on Friday and the fourth victim of last Thursday's terror attack in Jerusalem, Lt. Avraham Bok, 22, was killed by Hizbullah fire at an IDF outpost in south Lebanon early yesterday morning.

His death brings the number of IDF soldiers killed in or en route to Lebanon since the beginning of the year to 103: 73 in February's helicopter collision and 30 in operations.

Bok, the Nahal commander of the Tel Dabshe outpost on the Beaufort Ridge bordering Nabatiya, was killed by a mortar round at about 6 a.m. As the position came under mortar and rocket-propelled grenade fire, Bok was running among his soldiers checking their positions when he apparently took a direct hit.

In response, the IDF artillery

shelled the surrounding area for an hour.

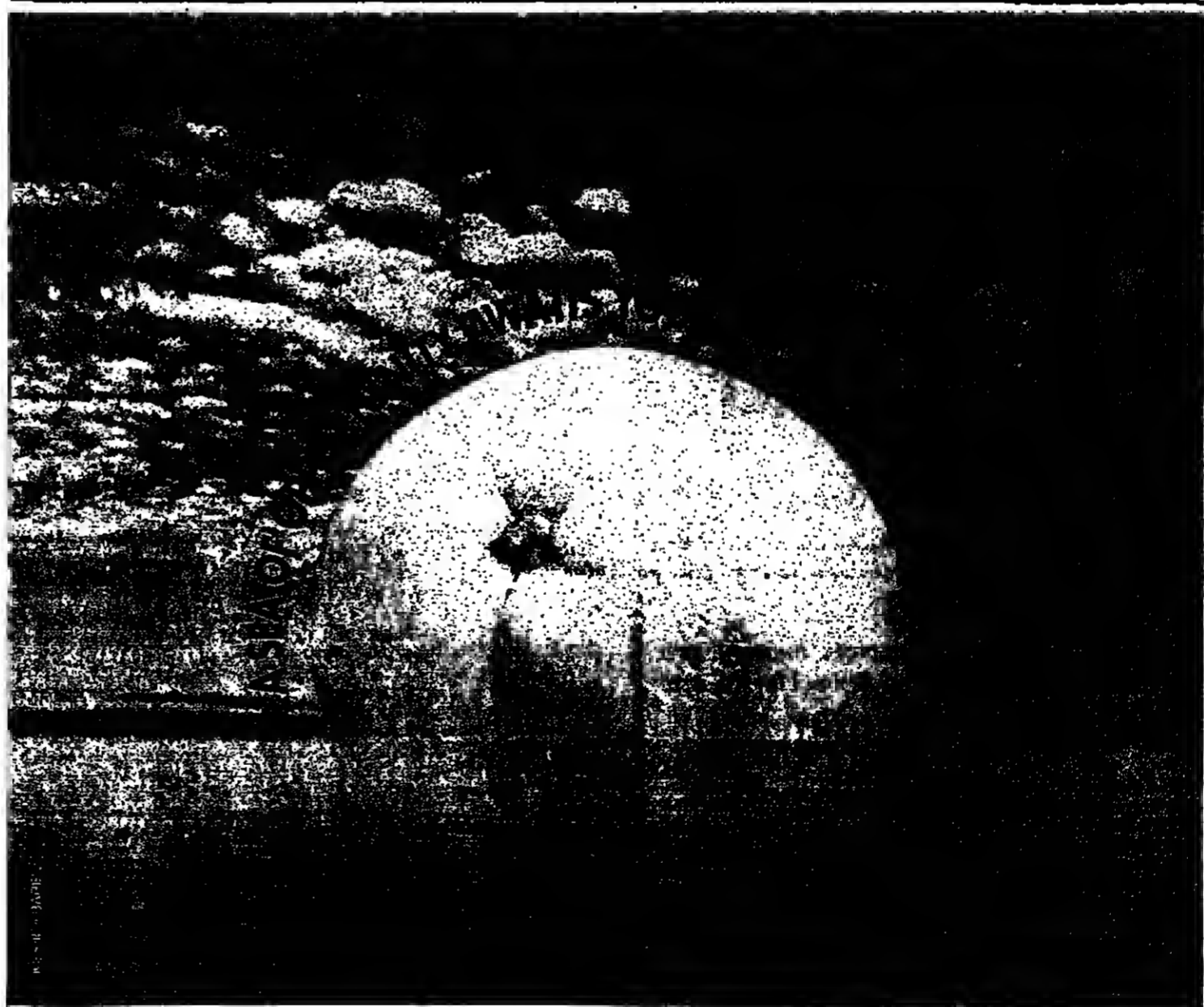
Hundreds attended Bok's funeral yesterday afternoon as he was laid to rest in his hometown of Savyon.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who last night visited the naval commandos, accompanied by Defense Minister Yitzhak

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Mordechai, yesterday lashed out against ministerial loose tongues, reportedly cautioning cabinet members that "careless chatter about a hasty pullout from Lebanon fuels the engines of Hizbullah rockets."

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NEWS

in brief

Suspected spy released on bail

Nadja Fudeh, 45, of Acre, who was arrested 20 days ago on suspicion of spying for Iraq, was released on NIS 50,000 bail yesterday by the Acre Magistrate's Court, and ordered to report daily to local police for a month. *lim*

Hochberg pleads innocent to double murder

Dr. Amiram Hochberg, accused of murdering his estranged common-law wife, Shlomit Bleichman, 49, and her mother, Ida, 72, yesterday pleaded not guilty in Tel Aviv District Court. He insisted that Shlomit, the mother of their 11-year-old son, is alive. Hochberg testified that a conflict with Bleichman over visitation rights for their son had been settled in court. Ida Bleichman was found shot to death last year; her daughter is missing and presumed murdered. *lim*

2 pilots injured in Negev crash

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

An air force F-16B trainer crashed yesterday afternoon in Machesh Ramon while on a routine training flight. Its two pilots bailed out successfully, but were injured when they landed on the crater's cliffs. The instructor and pilot trainee were taken to Soroka Hospital in

Beersheba, where one was admitted with serious injuries and the other with moderate injuries. OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu appointed a board of inquiry to investigate the cause of the crash. Initial reports indicate that it was caused by a bird that flew into the plane's engine air-intake.

Security beefed up for more attacks

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and news agencies

Security forces have reinforced their presence around the country, braced for a possibility of additional terrorist attacks before or during US Secretary Madeleine Albright's visit this Wednesday. Since Thursday's triple suicide bombings in Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda Street, IDF and security forces have arrested 169 Palestinians in the West Bank as Hamas suspects. They were being questioned by the General Security Service, the IDF Spokesman said. Israel meanwhile demanded yesterday that the Palestinian Authority extradite Palestinian police chief Brig. Gen. Ghazi Jabali for questioning about his suspected involvement in "a conspiracy to commit crime and

Israel officially demands extradition of Jabali

attempted murder." The Justice Ministry said Jabali was suspected of involvement in a shooting in July at a Jewish settler's car which caused no injury. It alleged that the shooting occurred after Jabali ordered three Palestinian policemen to attack Israeli targets. Jabali and the PA have denied the allegations. The ministry said the PA has failed to answer 31 Israeli extradition requests. The IDF also eased the closure on the territories yesterday, saying it would allow 7,000 Palestinian workers into industrial zones in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Security forces continued to investigate into the Ben-Yehuda

bombings. Jerusalem Police Spokesman Shmuel Ben Ruby would not comment on reports that police sources believed the terrorists came from the West Bank or Gaza and that they were received assistance in east Jerusalem. Nor would he comment on claims that the bombers were disguised as tourists, and that one masqueraded as a woman wearing a dress and a wig. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told US Fox Television yesterday that the attack was prepared and launched from Palestinian-controlled areas, and that he was "fairly confident" that Hamas was responsible. He also said there were warnings that other attacks were planned.

Referring to the cabinet's decision Friday to postpone further redeployments in the West Bank until the Palestinians crack down on terrorism, Palestinian Minister of Communications Yasser Abed Rabbo accused Netanyahu of making excuses to avoid further pullbacks. "Netanyahu is a political party for the terrorists. Both want to kill the peace process," Abed Rabbo told reporters. Abed Rabbo also charged that Netanyahu's policies were harming security, noting Israel's recent demolitions of Palestinian houses and continued land confiscations. Palestinian Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Faisal Husseini accused Netanyahu of destroying the basis for the 1993 Oslo

Accords. "The peace process has two partners. In war you make a decision and you need a partner. In peace, you cannot make decisions without consulting your partner," he said. Husseini also said Israel should not expect the PA to conduct any mass arrests of Hamas activists. Hillel Kuttler adds from Washington: "Netanyahu told Fox Television he thought Albright should press PA Chairman Yasser Arafat to take more decisive action against terrorists. 'I assure you that if this takes place, then this would pave the way for progress,' he said. 'I think the US understands the priority of security and the need to have this basic deal cut between Israel and the PA honored,' Netanyahu added.

Netanyahu blasts Labor criticism

By SARAH HONG

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday urged the Labor opposition to remain silent about the security situation, saying it helped to create it. Netanyahu reportedly told yesterday's weekly cabinet meeting that Labor should "at least have the decency to keep mum about the internal security situation, considering that they were the ones who created the reality of terrorist havens within Palestinian Authority territory. For them now to seek and blame this government for what they wrought is unconscionable." The cabinet heard reports from the internal security minister, the police inspector-general, the General Security Service chief, and the head of Military Intelligence about Thursday's bombing in Jerusalem. Netanyahu was reportedly angered about comments by Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak, who was quoted as saying "the agreement with Arafat is now one that Netanyahu signed, and he cannot blame a situation he inherited. For the past 15 months it has been his agreement, and in those 15 months we have neither the peace nor the security he promised." Netanyahu reportedly told the cabinet that "those opposition heads who talk about the past 15 months know full well that it is their party which created the reality of terror bases under PA jurisdiction. We warned day and night during the previous government's

term that the Oslo agreement would create havens for terrorists right on our own doorstep. Regrettably, our warnings were borne out." He reportedly went on to say that "the previous government's deal was that we would cede territory to the PA, which in turn would fight terror. This deal is simply not implemented. So long as the PA does not live up to its undertakings, there is no reason for us to hand them even more territory, which would be turned into even more terror bootcamps. The entire track of interim agreements is impossible in a situation in which the PA has failed to stand by its commitments. If the PA's attitude changes, then we should proceed to a final status agreement with adequate security provisions." GSS chief Ami Ayalon was quoted as telling the ministers that "Arafat's aim is to win more concessions from Israel via terror. Thus he has in effect given the green light to terrorists." Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav was quoted as saying that "Arafat simply isn't delivering the goods and it is time to openly demand to reopen the Oslo Accords. These accords are full of huge, gaping holes and it is a must to abandon the Oslo trail and head down a new road to a final status arrangement." But Foreign Minister David Levy reportedly rushed to douse the ardor of "those who cheer the possibility of Oslo's demise. If Oslo dies, we could find ourselves in a dead end. Will our situation then be better?"



Regional summit. Jordan's King Hussein (left) and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat (center), chat with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at Cairo Airport yesterday. During their meeting, they urged swift resumption of the Israel-Palestinian talks. Jordan, meanwhile, arrested Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghoshe on charges of threatening state security after the group claimed responsibility for Thursday's bomb blast in Jerusalem. Ghoshe, who said there was no link between the movement's armed wing and political factions, warned Israel on Saturday that unless it released thousands of Palestinian prisoners "the signs are towards more struggle and more resistance." (Reuters)

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PALESTINIAN PRESS REVIEW MICHAEL SELA

No trust in Albright
"Whatever the expectations of the Albright visit, the Palestinian national interest is... not to hamper it with a new military operation, which will weaken the Palestinian position," leading Palestinian politician, Mamdouh Naufal, wrote in the semi-official *al-Ayyam*. The paper was published Thursday morning, hours before the triple suicide bombings on Rehov Ben-Yehuda. Most newspapers felt that Albright was unlikely to make any dramatic progress, alleging the United States leaned toward Israel's views. The only thing left of the Oslo accord is the name, wrote Abdullah Awwad in the semi-official *al-Ayyam* Awwad on Thursday, while *al-Quds*'s cartoon on Saturday described the peace process as a sinking ship. "Lifeguards Needed!" said the sign on a beach. "Why is there no trust in Albright?" asked Awwad. "The Palestinians find that they are again paying the price of the world's Jewish complex, after having paid the price in wars and occupation. Facing the joint American-Israeli policy to forget Oslo, the Palestinians are left without much choice... but to reopen the confrontation option. Because the alternative is political suicide."

Because the US has proven itself totally unable to operate as an objective and balanced mediator, the Palestinians can pin their hopes only on the responsibility of the international community," an editorial in *al-Quds* said last week. Violence Israel's fault
The weekend headlines were hysterical: "Israel threatens to attack the Palestinian territories," the official *al-Hayat al-Jadida* wrote on Friday. Nevertheless, responsibility was placed on Israel. "Again the Palestinian Authority is blamed for not fighting terrorism," reacted Hussein Hijazi, in *al-Ayyam*. "It is never the Israeli government, which still occupies most of the Palestinian lands... The power-addicted Netanyahu... never learns the lesson... he is the only one who can replace the thorns with roses," Hijazi wrote. An *al-Quds* editorial stated that "the lesson to learn from this bloodshed... is to give the Palestinians back their legitimate rights in return for security and peace." Seeking security
"It is important to explain to Albright, that there is no way to separate between diplomacy and

security," political scientist Khalil Shikaki said in an interview with *al-Hayat al-Jadida*. "Security is not a matter of a decision to be made by the Palestinian leadership, but a consequence of a series of mutual actions the most important of which are the success of the peace process, economic development and the feelings of Palestinians that there is hope for the future," Shikaki wrote. "The combination of these elements is the guarantee for security." From south Lebanon to the West Bank, there is only one way to get

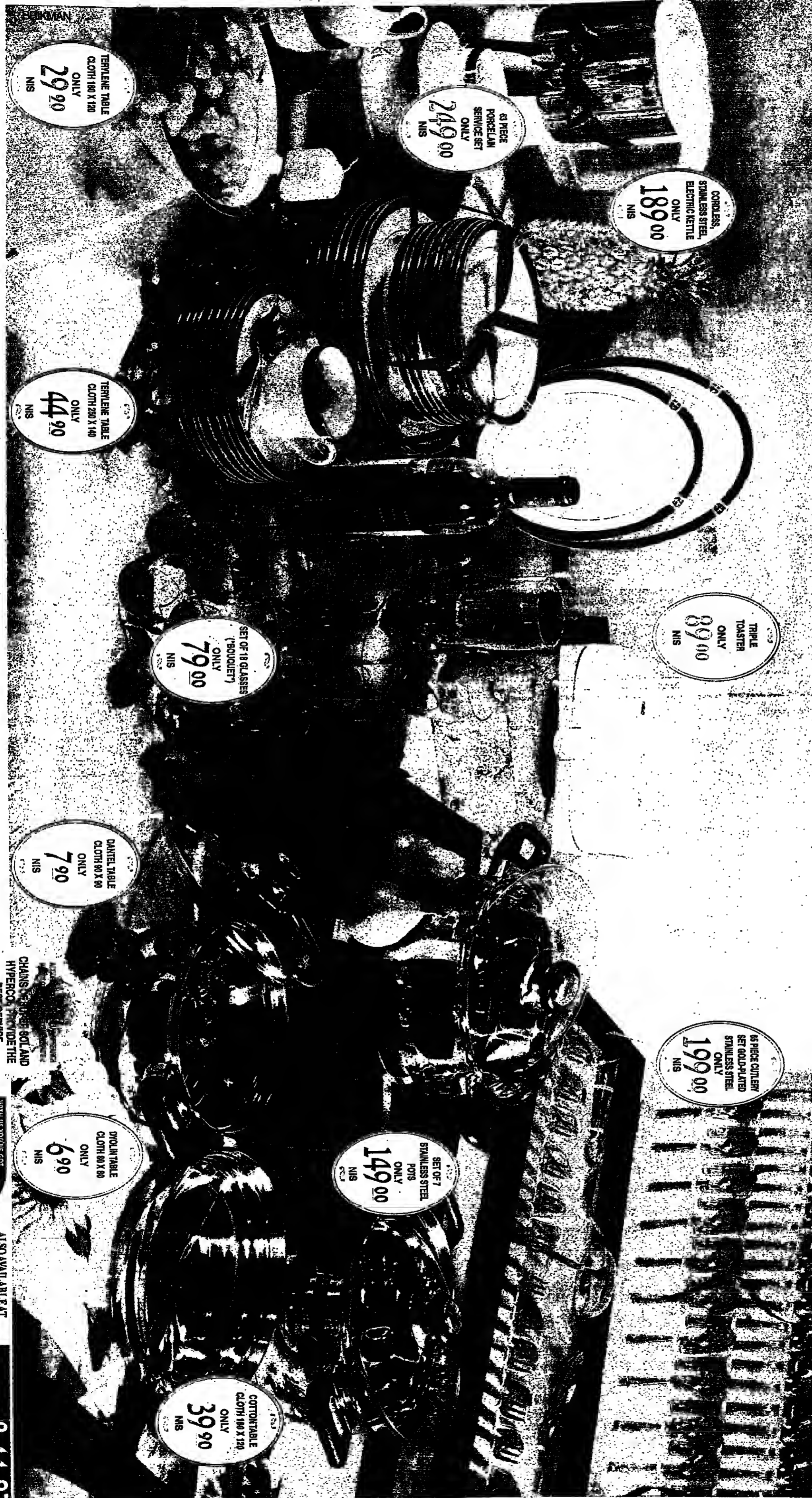
out of the swamp, wrote Hussein Hijazi in *al-Ayyam*, before the commando deaths on Friday. He wrote that Israel has proven that it can't control another people and has no strategic answer to the war against Hizbullah. Unless Israel pays the full price of peace, it will continue to suffer an endless war. "There is one answer... to the war in south Lebanon, in the West Bank and Gaza, peace for all. This is the only way to defuse the situation. Anything else means the continuation of the status quo."

Pig's head desecrates Moslem cemetery
A pig's head was found yesterday on a grave in the Moslem cemetery outside Haifa in which Sheikh Izzadin Kassam is buried. Police said the head was found after an anonymous caller to Israel Radio said it had been put on Kassam's grave. The caller said he belonged to HAGAL a Hebrew acronym for "Heroes of Israel Group." Kassam was a cleric killed by the British in 1935; Hamas' military wing is named for him. Police said the head was left on a different grave. *lim*

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Wounded baby recovering

President Ezer Weizman visits six-month-old Tamar Kaufman, held by her aunt, at Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem yesterday. The baby is one of those wounded in Thursday's Ben-Yehuda bomb blasts. US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, accompanied by Weizman, is expected to visit some of the wounded shortly after her arrival Wednesday.

(Brian Henders)

IN CONTEXT / HERB KEINON

Calls for pullout new element in tragedy ritual

The public ritual that accompanies IDF tragedies in Lebanon has, for the last number of years, followed a certain pattern. First come bland radio reports of "heavy fighting in Lebanon," followed - usually a couple of hours later - by news of IDF casualties.

The next day come the pictures of the dead in the paper. There are the heart-breaking eulogues at the funerals, and the panel discussions on the nightly television programs about the quagmire that is Lebanon.

This year a new element has been added to the ritual: the public calls for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon. Following Friday's failed commando raid, this element received a boost when Labor MK Yossi Beilin said that he was forming a new group to push for such a unilateral withdrawal.

Beilin told Israel Radio yesterday he has been "flooded" with phone calls from people supporting the idea of a pullback from the security zone, and a "strengthening of the northern border" to prevent infiltration from Lebanon.

"We need to leave Lebanon (unilaterally), and not as part of a peace treaty with Syria," he said. "Tying the withdrawal (to negotiations) with Syria gives [Syrian President Hafez] Assad a veto over our staying there. It is better to defend the northern set-

lements from the border, not the security zone."

Beilin is not exactly charting unexplored waters. Four women from the Upper Galilee, calling themselves A Voice Calling for Peace, formed an organization following February's helicopter collision over She'ar Yashuv, to lobby for a unilateral pullback.

"I want the political echelon to turn to everyone and bring the soldiers home," said Miri Sela, from Kibbutz Mahanayim. "No solution has been found after 15 years in Lebanon. It is inconceivable that the IDF cannot defend the border from the border. If they have to go across on an action, they should do it, but from the border."

The women gained support for their movement earlier in the year from an unexpected political circle: Likud MK Gideon Ezra, who in February hosted public figures in his Kochav Yair home to discuss the withdrawal option.

Ezra, a former deputy head of the General Security Service, said yesterday that he remains, in principle, in favor of the pullback, but added: "I am against public protest over this. I think today it is best to let the government do its work without the pressure of protests."

Ezra said a public campaign will only weaken soldiers' motivation

and strengthen Hizbullah's resolve.

What makes this particular public debate unique is that the positions on whether or not to withdraw cut across party lines. Not all Likud MKs are in favor of a continued presence in Lebanon, as evidenced by Ezra's stand, and not all Labor MKs want to withdraw to the international border.

Labor MK Efraim Sneh said yesterday he is opposed to a withdrawal, saying that continued presence of the IDF in the zone keeps Hizbullah on the defensive, and makes it more difficult for them to act. Uzi Baram also publicly came out against a withdrawal.

Sela said she sees nothing wrong with calling for a withdrawal even while IDF soldiers - including her son who is serving in an elite unit in Lebanon - continue to wage battle.

"If we don't take a stand now, when should we do it? Every week there is a mourning period here."

Sela dispensed the impression that the group's voice is only heard after a tragedy, but that in the quiet weeks they do nothing.

"The press only pays attention when there is a tragedy," she said, "but we have held protests, lobbied public officials, met with the president. So far we have signed up 10,000 people to a petition calling for a new solution in Lebanon."

Peres accuses Barak of making Labor look weak

By SARAH HONIG

Former Labor Party leader Shimon Peres harshly attacked successor Ehud Barak yesterday, saying that "at this point no one knows any more what Labor stands for, what its positions are and what it says."

Peres, who was abroad, said that if need be, this national unity drive ought to be conducted over Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's head.

All this transpired at a meeting of top Labor officials, held in Barak's offices to discuss the security situation, following the Jerusalem bombings and the recent disasters in Lebanon.

Peres, who was abroad, returned just before the meeting. Peres later denied having championed the national unity idea yet again, but participants in the closed Labor meeting all said that he did.

Peres charged that under Barak's leadership "Labor does not speak with a clear voice. You must decide whether to enter into a national unity government or to lead an outspoken,

fighting opposition. It must be one of the two, but you must decide - not way or the other."

Peres, according to Labor MKs who took part in the meeting, then said that his recommendation is that Barak seriously consider approaching Netanyahu about a national unity government.

MK Dalia Itzik agreed with Peres

and said that "the feeling is that a war is in the offing but no one in the party has the courage to raise a cry about it, to make noise."

MK Uzi Baram agreed that "at least when it comes to the Palestinian issue, the Labor Party has no line and is stuttering and stammering."

"We are not stuttering," countered

Barak. "When the bodies of our fallen and terror victims are still warm, when pieces of flesh are peeled off walls, trees and balconies, the time is not right for political polemics."

He reminded Peres that "it was Netanyahu who was elected and the government is in his hands, and he has not invited us to join his coalition."

Israel protests photo showing commando's severed head

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

The Foreign Ministry expressed its shock yesterday over the publication of a photograph which depicts an Amal militiaman holding the severed head of an Israeli Navy commando in the London-based daily Al-Hayat.

"It is most serious that the media in enlightened countries, which are supposed to uphold professional and moral standards, allowed the publication of such a shocking photograph," the ministry said, in a statement.

The Israeli Embassy in London is to lodge a formal complaint with Britain's Press Council over the publication.

The features of the commando, one of 12 who were killed in the abortive operation in Lebanon last Friday, are clearly identifiable in the picture, which was distributed by Agence France Press and published on the front page of the Saudi-owned paper on Saturday.

"Publication of this photograph was an act of barbarism," said embassy spokesman Ron Prossor. "It contradicts all newspaper codes and journalistic ethics. We are devastated by the publication."

Other pictures in the paper depict the dismembered limbs and organs, including the heart, of other Israelis who were killed in the operation.

The Britain Israel Public Affairs Center, a leading pro-Israel lobby in London, also announced that it will seek legal advice on action to be taken against Al-Hayat. The newspaper, which is regarded as one of the most influential among the elite in the Arab world, is based in London, but is printed simultaneously throughout the Middle East and in the United States.

The editor-in-chief of Al-Hayat, Jihad Khazen, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday he could understand why many people would find it "incomprehensible" that a supposedly reputable newspaper would decide to publish such a photograph. "As a reader, I didn't like it myself," he said.

He said the decision to publish was made jointly by senior editors at the paper because it had arrived via a widely distributed wire service and they believed other papers would publish the photograph.

"I was not on duty at the time, but I will not shirk my responsibility," he said. "Perhaps I would not have used it on the front page. Perhaps I would not publish something like it again."

"We at Al-Hayat are pacifists," he added. "We just want this whole thing to finish."

Tearful burials for more fallen soldiers

Lt. Avi Bok, 22, who was killed yesterday morning by mortar shelling in south Lebanon, was buried in his hometown of Sayoun.

"Everyone has a name and Avi's name was always linked to loving Israel," his brother, Efraim, said in his eulogy.

Commanders told of how Bok fell after a night of lying in ambush. "Avi Bok was Israel at its best. I only hope we will see more like him," said Maj. Oz, Bok's company commander in the Nahal Corps.

Tearful funerals were held for three members of the naval commando unit that was nearly wiped out in Lebanon on Friday.

In bidding farewell to 2nd Petty Officer Ron Tabbi, 21, of Rishon LeZion, MK Avi Yehzekel of Labor said, "this cemetery is already becoming a second home to us. Lately death is becoming too routine."

Lt. Tzvi Grossman, 21, of Tel

Aviv, was praised by the city's mayor, Roni Milo, as "the salt of the earth."

His sister, Iris, 19 wept and said, "you were so handsome, the kind of person that you read about in history books."

She said that her brother had planned to name a son after Yoni Netanyahu, the brother of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who was killed commanding the rescue of Israeli hostages in Entebbe Airport in 1976.

"Now you are also a legend," she said.

A friend of Lt. Raz Levinas, 22, of Mevasseret Zion, said at his graveside that, "all that is left now is for us to say so long and that we shall see each other again when our turn comes to join you. You have risen above along with your friends and brothers. Please watch over them for us."

Levinas's girlfriend, Zohar, wept and said that her life was over.

(Itim)

Mordechai, Neeman in defense budget impasse

By DAVID HARRIS

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Finance Minister Yaskov Neeman failed to reach a compromise yesterday as they met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a final bid to agree on 1998 defense funding.

The cabinet was scheduled this morning to begin its debate on the details of the NIS 2.3 billion cut in next year's state budget (See story, Page 8).

During the protracted talks over the 1998 defense spending package, Mordechai has demanded an additional NIS 1.5b, while the Treasury wants an NIS 550 million cut.

The Treasury is proposing a variety of measures, which one Treasury

source said "will not affect the capability of the fighting machine."

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Millions celebrate as Moscow turns 850

MOSCOW (AP) - Millions of people swarmed central Moscow over the weekend to celebrate the city's 850th anniversary, filling broad streets and clogging transport as they thronged concerts, a parade and other events.

The city was packed yesterday for the second day of a three-day citywide gala organized by Mayor Yuri Luzhkov.

Luzhkov didn't leave Moscow's fickle weather to chance, commissioning planes and helicopters to disperse rain clouds over the city for the weekend.

But he couldn't prevent the long lines, crowd control problems and frayed nerves that resulted when the city center, blocked off to most vehicles, was filled instead with people standing elbow to elbow.

Gigantic Red Square and adjacent six-lane roads were packed from morning till night for an open-air concert near the Kremlin, a grandiose pageantry parade across downtown and a huge laser and music spectacular staged in the Lenin Hills overlooking the city by French composer Jean-Michel Jarre.

Thronging people trying to find their way from one event to

another poured into side alleys, and as the movement slowed the impact of the human traffic jam resonated across the streets.

Major subway entrances downtown had been closed - apparently in keep the pushing crowds from tumbling down the stairs. People also accosted police officers who flanked the streets for directions.

But good humor prevailed. "OK, we've stopped - let's buy something," a young man told a friend as the crowd that had been inching down an alley suddenly stalled, pushing them against a food stand.

A few blocks away, a procession of Russian and foreign performers marched from Red Square to the Russian White House, or government headquarters building, past tens of thousands of cheering and picture-snapping viewers.

The parade of musicians from India, Brazil, Africa and former Soviet republics, dancers in folk costumes, performers dressed up as Russian fairy-tale characters, stretched for kilometers. Chinese paper dragons and decorated cars also were part of the spectacle.

On a sidewalk, a gang of high-school girls with "850" painted

on their faces with lipstick smiled and waved at the procession as it went by.

Although police tried to keep viewers confined to sidewalks, small groups of people occasionally sneaked through police lines and sprinted to the middle of the street to shake hands with performers and snap more pictures.

"You'll be remembering this yet, and you'll be bringing your grandchildren here," a young father said consolingly in his sulky looking son, as he tugged the boy along with one hand while holding up a video camera with the other.

As a band from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, marched by, two Russian teen-age girls giggled shyly as they debated whether to go and "meet the Americans." On Red Square, tens of thousands of people danced to live performances by popular Russian singers or milled past ice cream or beer stands on the first warm and sunny day of the week.

Fireworks on the square capped the day for the second evening in a row.

Luciano Pavarotti was the star performer at a show last night on Red Square that ended the weekend celebrations.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin, Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov watch cadets parading at the opening ceremony of celebrations marking Moscow's 850th anniversary. (AP)

Mother Teresa to lie in state in Calcutta

By RANJAN ROY

CALCUTTA (AP) - Anguished wails rose from a crowd of mourners yesterday as Mother Teresa's body was carried in a simple wooden coffin from the Calcutta headquarters of her worldwide charity.

Altar boys carrying candles and a crucifix, and missionary nuns surrounded the coffin as pall bearers placed it in an ambulance for the trip to one of Calcutta's largest churches, where Mother Teresa, who died on Friday, will lie in state for the next week.

Incense and cries of grief wafted into the air as the coffin was borne out. A silver plaque on the coffin lid read: "Our dearest Mother Teresa, RIP."

The body was to be taken four kilometers away to St. Thomas's Catholic Church, one of the oldest and largest Catholic churches in Calcutta. A line of mourners began forming before dawn, and by 9 a.m. snaked a kilometer along the sidewalk in front of the yellow brick-and-plaster chapel.

"Mother is a new icon for social change in India," said Rana Chakravarty, who had arrived before midnight Saturday to be the first in line in front of St. Thomas's.

Chakravarty, a railroad worker dressed in the white sarong-like wrap and tunic of Calcutta's traditional, upper-caste Hindus, said he revered Mother Teresa as much as he did Vivekananda, a social reformer of the 19th century, considered a saint by many Hindus.

Thousands of people were expected to file past Mother Teresa's body during the week she will lie in state in St. Thomas's, in a fashionable Calcutta neighborhood that contrasted with the slums where she toiled during life.

St. Thomas's venerable neighbors include the 200-year-old building housing the Royal Turf Club, one of several reminders of India's colonial past in the area.

Yesterday was the first chance for most Indians to pay their respects to the woman who constantly expressed her love for them, in the city that was the nursery of her worldwide charity.

She died of a heart attack late Friday in the headquarters of her Missionaries of Charity, where she had lived in simple nun's



Thousands of Calcuttans stand in line for hours to view the body of Mother Teresa in St. Thomas Church yesterday. (AP)

room for years. The day after her death, her body lay in her order's small, dimly lit chapel, surrounded by flowers and praying nuns. The order's chapel was too small to accommodate crowds, so the public viewing was delayed until her body could be moved.

The site of Mother Teresa's funeral, scheduled for Saturday, was not announced. She will be buried at the convent in central Calcutta that was her home and the headquarters of her Missionaries of Charity order, according to Sister Brunet at the mission.

Early yesterday, a woman who gave her name only as Mala wept when told she would not be able to enter the order's chapel. She said she had knelt in the chapel every day, and that Mother Teresa had often joined in her prayers that her four-year-old daughter be healed of a kidney ailment.

"What will I do now?" she cried. Children at a Missionaries of Charity orphanage in Calcutta held a memorial service for Mother Teresa Sunday morning.

"Today, more than ever, we thank God for the gift of Mother to us and to the world," Father Camille Bouche told about 30 orphans and as many nuns sitting on jute mats in the orphanage chapel, a block away from the Missionaries of Charity headquarters.

Mother Teresa, who retained her simplicity and humility despite an avalanche of international fame, died surrounded by grieving sisters of her order. She was 87.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral ordered a state funeral for Mother Teresa, an honor normally conferred only on serving presidents and prime ministers. Flags flew at half-staff across the nation.

UK press: Life after Diana won't be same

By ANTHONY WILLIAMS

LONDON (Reuters) - The stinging attack on the media by Princess Diana's brother Earl Spencer at her funeral may well prove a watershed for the British press as it comes to terms with its role in her tragic death.

Senior media officials and newspaper leader writers admitted yesterday that life after Diana could never be the same.

As Prince Charles, Diana's former husband, pleaded for their two sons to be left in peace from photographers' flashes, the press looked into its own soul and prepared itself for a new era.

Immediately after Diana's death one week ago, Spencer launched a bitter onslaught on the press, blaming them for killing her. There was blood on the hands of newspaper owners, he said.

To applause which echoed around London on Saturday, he continued that theme in Westminster Abbey. Diana, given the name of the ancient goddess of hunting, had become the most hunted woman in the modern age.

"Earl Spencer's words about the hounding of his sister should be read carefully in every newspaper office in the land, including ours," the Independent said yesterday.

It was no excuse for newspapers to say they were only giving the public what it wanted. A child would eat all the sweets it could in the absence of a responsible parent.

"But that also reveals an underlying truth. In our dealings with Diana we behaved like children and we never had enough of her. The paparazzi were chasing her on our behalf last Sunday morning because we did not know when to stop," the newspaper said.

The Observer said the media could not ignore the impact of Earl Spencer's words.

Up to now, Britain's rules for the media had struck a balance which gave scant protection against intrusion into people's private lives.

"[This balance] no longer corresponds to the core values of British society," it said in its editorial.

A new balance had to be struck, it said. "A first move must be regulation of the way highly personal, intrusive pictures are obtained and published."

There is an irony in the fact that Diana was killed in France, a country with one of the toughest privacy laws in Europe.

But in Britain, the Labor government of Prime Minister Tony Blair seems as reluctant as its Conservative predecessor to rush into any new legislation to introduce similar

restraints.

Blair repeated in a television interview yesterday, "I've never been convinced about privacy laws." This was a problem which required more than the letter of the law, he said. "It requires a degree of acceptance of what is proper conduct - and not - towards people."

Indications of how the press may change in the wake of Diana's death could emerge next week when the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, Lord Wakeham, plans to start a series of discussions with editors throughout the whole spectrum of the British media.

The chairman of the self-regulatory watchdog's code committee, Sir David English, chairman and editor in chief of the Associated Newspapers group, said the press had to heed Earl Spencer's words.

And the early signs suggest it will.

In its commentary on Sunday, the Express newspaper said the question facing editors and journalists was whether they had managed to maintain restraint and balance in their dealings with Diana.

"The devastating thought in the back of our minds is that we might have failed to do so, for that would indeed be a terrible indictment of our profession."

US to mull \$103b. road build-up

By DON PHILLIPS

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) - Republican and Democratic leaders of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee have unveiled a three-year surface transportation bill which envisages huge spending increases for highways, transit and environmental protection.

The \$103 billion bill would go a long way toward eliminating regional inequities in the highway spending formula and would shower members from both parties

with funds for "pork-barrel" projects.

But the legislation raised last week would violate the balanced-budget agreement worked out by President Clinton and Congress.

House GOP leaders said they are sympathetic to efforts to shake loose more money from the highway trust funds to satisfy the demands of House members and the nation's governors.

But House Republican Conference Chairman John A. Boehner of Ohio said that the

bill "doesn't meet the budget agreement in any way, shape or form." He warned that a vote wasn't likely to be held before the budget allotment was trimmed.

Defending the proposal, Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill. said that "the vast majority of members who campaigned for the 104th Congress (two years ago) promised to build a highway or bridge and this is the D-Day bill - the deliverance bill - going into the election year."

Transportation Secretary

Rodney E. Slater said he "commended" the bill's approach but would "seek improvements."

The bill calls for \$103.2 billion of highway and transit spending over the next three years. The balanced-budget legislation enacted last month would permit only \$85.9 billion over the same period.

Shuster and other committee leaders insist that their plans would not add to the deficit because of an anticipated revenue windfall of an estimated \$135 billion over five years.

McVeigh's lawyer to publish book

By DAVID STREITFIELD

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) - Stephen Jones failed to convince a Denver jury that Timothy McVeigh was innocent, and he failed to convince the jury that his client didn't deserve the death penalty, but he did convince McVeigh that he should and he failed to convince McVeigh that he should retain him for the appeals process.

But the Oklahoma lawyer found a more receptive audience among book publishers. Last Thursday Doubleday confirmed that it would publish a book by Jones. Neither the publisher nor Jones would provide any details.

As Jones pursued his book deal over the summer, it became a source of considerable concern among lawyers still representing McVeigh, who has begun his lengthy appeals process. McVeigh never has publicly admitted guilt in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people.

Last week, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals granted Jones's request to be taken off the case, after McVeigh said he wanted Jones removed, because the

court-appointed lawyer had "lied" to him and "screwed up badly." Sources close to the case noted that Jones stated in his request to the appeals court that the convicted bomber "appears to have waived the attorney-client privilege."

Jones declined to say precisely what the book would be about. He did suggest, however, that it would focus more on domestic terrorism and the broader implications of the case.

"This is not a book about Tim McVeigh," he said. "I don't intend to violate the attorney-client privilege. I have been a lawyer for 31 years and I am familiar with the rules. I have never violated the rules."

Since so many details about McVeigh's involvement in the bombing have been leaked to the press, there is very little big news left, save a direct confession from McVeigh. But Jones has access to the voluminous filings and countless conspiracy theories that never made it into the seven-week trial.

Asked if he had any qualms about making money off of the deadliest terrorist attack in US history, the lawyer said, "If I were to write a book, it would be with the intention of preventing a similar tragedy."

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Economic turning point

Through it was difficult to focus on the deal amid the tragic news which preceded it, the successful completion Friday of Bank Hapoalim's sale is not only exceptionally good news for the banking industry, but also a landmark for the privatization process, and even a symbolic turning point in the economy's erratic history.

Israel's commercial banks, which had mostly been established in the pre-state period, played a major role in building the state. For decades their achievements in this regard were a source of professional pride for their employees and security for their clients.

However, much of that hard-earned reputation was dealt a severe blow in the aftermath of the 1983 capital-market crisis, which was partly the doing of the large banks' CEOs at the time. Against a backdrop of hyperinflation and monetary chaos, the government nationalized the large banks, a move which allowed it to vouch for the safety of depositors' savings.

Though a reasonable measure under the circumstances, it was universally agreed by financiers, economists, and politicians that ultimately the government must cease to play banker. Unfortunately, one golden opportunity to implement this was missed in 1985, when the government headed by Shimon Peres launched the restructuring program which successfully defeated hyperinflation.

Indeed, in subsequent years privatization would prove to be easier said than done, primarily because politicians from both Left and Right either identified with what public-sector employees saw as their vested interests, or because they lacked the wherewithal to confront them.

Throughout this period it was clear that—even more than such state-owned giants as the Electric Corporation, Bezeq, Israel Aircraft Industries, or El Al—the prospective sale of Bank Hapoalim would not only clear a large chunk of the government's privatization agenda, but would also generate a positive market momentum by its very execution.

With some \$2.5 billion in equity, more than 11,700 employees, and nearly \$50b. in assets, Hapoalim is not only Israel's largest financial institution, but also an economic engine whose presence and sway are impossible to ignore.

Besides being an indispensable resource on the local investment scene, the bank is also a major player in the economy. Until last year—when new legislation compelled it, along with other banks, to trim its non-financial holdings—

Hapoalim was deeply involved in the activities of more than 770 businesses.

Clearly, then, the NIS 4.8 billion sale of a 43 percent stake in Hapoalim to an investors' group led by American-Israeli businessman Ted Arison should accelerate the bank's sale process. The taxpayer also owes a special thanks to MI Holdings, the state company which oversees the privatization process, for having sold a major national asset for a price which is roughly 10% higher than its market value.

What began with the previous government's sale of United Mizrahi Bank, continued with sale of a portion of Bank Discount, and culminated in Hapoalim's sale, is now set to proceed to the sale of Israel's second largest financial institution, Bank Leumi, for which the government is supposed to publish a tender later this year.

And yet, though it may well be on its way to completing the privatization of Israel's banking industry, the Netanyahu government had better remember that these accomplishments are still a far cry from the daunting economic goals it has set out to achieve. For one thing, the banks' sale process—though supported and maybe even accelerated by Netanyahu—was begun by the Rabin government. The same goes for the recent sale of an additional stake in Bezeq. More importantly, Netanyahu has yet to show the kind of determination which is essential in order to emulate here what Margaret Thatcher achieved in Britain during the 1980s.

To truly leave an imprint on the economy, the government must bring about a deep cut in direct and indirect taxation levels, and lead the privatization and demonopolization process into such hitherto untouched domains as the omnipotent Electric Corporation, heavy loser El Al, the antiquated rail system, and the chronically ill defense industries.

An early test of the extent to which this government deserves applause for Hapoalim's sale will be in what it will decide to do with the deal's hefty proceeds. If it chooses to funnel Arison's NIS 4.3b. into financing its own activity—as it is likely to be tempted to do, particularly when it has to pass a new budget—the public would know that Netanyahu's Thatcherism is little more than hollow talk. Conversely, if the government can use that amount in order to return some of its debts—in line with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel's advice—then the public would have reason to believe that this government, if not necessarily economically bold, is at least fiscally responsible.

Lack of true peace

YOSSI BEN-AHARON

I met Madeline Albright several years ago when she was Governor Dukakis's adviser on foreign policy. I was sent to brief her on our position regarding the peace process. Looking at the notes I had prepared for that briefing, it struck me how many of the basic characteristics of the Middle East puzzle have not changed over the years.

Albright has one positive trait which too many politicians lack: she knows how to listen. She will need to strengthen this trait and add tons of patience to it, especially when treated to President

We are sick and tired of burying our dead

Assad's thesis on Israel's sins since the beginning of history. But her real test will be in reading between the lines and checking what she finds against the briefings the State Department has prepared for her.

Over years of dealing with State Department, I have detected a tendency there to equate Israel's quest for peace with that of the Arab side, while discounting the vast gulf between the Arab leaders' protestations of peace and the continued rejection of Israel by the Arab world's entire intelligentsia. This gulf is of immense importance because it is the journalists, lawyers, army officers and the imams in the mosques who are setting a tone against Israel that is as extreme as it ever was.

At the same time, the political leadership that could offset this stream of hatred, adopts, at best, a neutral stance, and too often chooses to add fuel to the fire by publicly and consistently attacking Israel. More worrisome is the total absence of any attempt to educate the public that Israel is here to stay and to point to the

benefits of coexistence and peace between Arab and Israeli.

Peace will remain little more than a piece of paper, unless it encompasses the willing cooperation of the people, especially that of the educated class throughout the Arab world.

Nowhere is this dangerous disparity more evident than in the conduct of the Palestinian Authority and its leader, Yasser Arafat. Thousands of Palestinians and Israelis rub shoulders with each other every day. Instead of promoting this human coexistence and its potential impact on peace throughout the region, Arafat and his administration are busy inciting hatred and teaching schoolchildren that suicide bombers are heroes worthy of emulation.

We cannot remain oblivious to the fact that beyond the immediate circle of states that have concluded peace agreements with Israel, there are regimes and movements inciting Israel's immediate neighbors against any accommodation with the Jewish state. They provide money, training and arms to anyone—today they call themselves Hizbullah, Hamas, or Islamic Jihad—who is willing to kill Israelis. The argument that this is an inevitable price to pay for peace has gone bankrupt. We are sick and tired of burying our dead.

AGAINST this discouraging background, peace and agreements of peace are losing much of their optimistic portent and appeal. Way back, our American friends fell into the trap which was sprung by the Arabs and their Soviet allies, when they adopted the simplistic yet immoral equation of "territory for peace."

After having been divested of considerable chunks of territory, Israelis are beginning to digest the bitter reality that the gulf between their perception of peace and that of the Arabs is as wide as the gulf between hope and despair. We are dealing with a cancer whose roots are spread far and wide in Arab and Moslem society. Administering

Dry Bones



aspirin to this disease is an exercise in self-delusion.

Mrs. Albright and our American friends would therefore do well to focus on the most basic and human attributes of peace, rather than addressing the problem of terror which is an outer symptom. Let Arafat and all the other leaders who proclaim peace to begin demonstrating in concrete fashion, today, what they mean when they say peace with Israel.

The Arab practice of exploiting peace as a tool for extracting territory from Israel, then dropping it like a hot potato, must be exposed and eliminated.

The intractable character of some of this region's problems derives also from the painful lack of democracy in the area. I would

guess that, more than many others, Mrs. Albright appreciates that disputes between democracies are invariably settled by means other than violence, whilst a non-democratic regime would not be averse to choosing violence as a means of settling a problem with its neighbor.

Hence we will not enjoy true peace in this part of the world, peace as any American would describe it, unless there is a meaningful move toward democracy in Arab society. This is precisely why Israel's deterrent capacity and qualitative edge are indispensable if there is going to be progress toward peace.

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America's best interest

EFFRAIM INBAR

Dear Ms. Albright: I sincerely welcome you on your first official visit to our region. The Middle East needs a strong and determined America and as you know, there is no other country in the Middle East that is as sensitive to America and her interests as Israel. Despite the fact that your political instincts have proved to be remarkable so far, please allow me to offer you some helpful tips from a fellow professor of international relations.

Maintain a power politics perspective to understand the dynamics of the region and its leaders. A rational and fair argument is convincing only when backed up by a determined policy and a willingness to dispense carrots and to use sticks if necessary. Leaders such as Arafat, Assad, Hussein and Mubarak are true professionals in the art of survival and political maneuvering. They have been around long enough to learn all the tricks of the trade. Netanyahu, on his part, has made several mistakes, which have earned him a rather poor reputation in the Israeli and international press.

However, we should not forget that he managed to win last year's elections against all the odds. Moreover, he recently put himself on solid ground in domestic politics despite Arafat's attempts to extract concessions. Netanyahu is against terror and in favor of building Jerusalem. These are two main articles of faith for a great majority of Israelis.

Second, I want to warn you that the Middle East's leaders are extremely adept in detecting weakness and lack of purpose. If this indeed describes the American position, then your visit may be superfluous and the parties could be better left to stew in their own juices. Perhaps this would not be a bad idea.

In the Middle East, as well in the rest of the world, countries squandering a historic chance to sign a peace treaty when he spurned Yitzhak Rabin's offer of the Golan Heights in the summer of 1993. Only Rabin could have convinced the Israeli public to take such a great security risk. Please take into consideration that Assad is a major opponent of Pax Americana, as is seen from his record.

The best use of US energies would be the promotion of a new interim agreement between Israel and the Palestinians

change their behavior only if there are benefits for so doing, or if they fear sanctions for refusing to comply with requests from stronger actors. Some of the politicians with whom you will become acquainted have an extremely limited perspective in their choice of policy. They calculate primarily short-run gains or losses, without looking too much into the future. Therefore, the inducements of a great power, such as the one you represent, should be of immediate nature.

I HOPE you will not follow the disgraceful example of your highly mannered and graceful predecessor, Warren Christopher's weakness in dealing with Syria was partly responsible for missing a wonderful opportunity to make peace with Israel. It is Assad, however, who bears the main responsibility for

the US often played an important role in bridging the differences between the protagonists and minimizing the risks taken by the parties—but only after Arabs and Israelis were ready for an agreement. So far, the records of both Assad and Arafat do not indicate a clear commitment to peaceful coexistence with Israel. Both try to bleed Israel by proxy terrorists.

If for some reason you opt for activism in the region, the best use of American energies would be the promotion of a new interim agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, whose parameters would differ from those of Oslo 2.

We all know that the Oslo agreements are faulty and difficult to implement. On the one hand, making additional territorial concessions without a guarantee of the conflict's end is a risky endeavor. On the other hand, speeding up final-status talks is doomed to fail because the differences in the positions of the two sides are simply unbridgeable right now. Therefore, only a new interim agreement, built through a carefully crafted step-by-step approach, can minimize tensions in the region. Such an agreement must be conditioned on determined Palestinian counter-terrorism actions.

I hope that you will take care of American interests in the Middle East. This is what everybody understands and expects of you.

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Genuine sorrow

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

The death of a celebrity, particularly a death as terrible and tragic as Diana's, creates a puzzle: Millions of ordinary people feel inexpressible grief, as if someone close to them had died.

The conjunction is crazy, but the grief is genuine. And that is what makes it so puzzling. How many of those who left that ocean of bouquets at Buckingham Palace had ever exchanged a word with Diana, or even a glance? In fact, they knew her only through her image in the tabloids and television, which are now despised and reviled by the very people whose every connection with Diana was created and sustained by the same tabloids and television.

How to account for this outpouring of grief? At one level, she seems the ultimate example of the empty celebrity, famous for being famous. After all, John Kennedy, to whose death Diana's has all too often been compared, led the Free World (and very nearly blew it up). John Lennon, another celebrity martyr, created a new music. Diana did... what? She had beauty and grace and elegance. She was a stunning

fashion plate with a few charitable causes and 43 covers of *People* magazine. But what did she do? Historians of the future, noting that her funeral was the grandest in Britain since Winston Churchill's in 1965, will wonder, Churchill saved Western civilization, at times almost single-handedly. And when he wasn't doing that, he wrote two of the greatest historical works in the English language. How did Diana, beautiful and charming and little else, rise in popular consciousness to Churchillian proportions?

ONE answer is that in a media age you do not have to be Churchill to become myth. Beauty, charm, presence and shrewdness—the stuff of celebrity—will do. Hence Evita Peron. Hence Marilyn Monroe. Hence Elvis, who 20 years after his death, is a quarter-billion-dollar-a-year industry, and the object of reverence that approaches the religious.

The enormous public display of grief over Diana is in part attributable to the usual confusions of celebrity worship. But only in part. Because Diana did actually do something—two things, in fact—without ever having set out to do them. First, she stood up to the royals. They recruited her as a pliable ingenue, and she ended up besting them. She defied their rigidities and cruelties, and in the end, transcended the very royalty that had tried to dispose of her.

This is not, mind you, Natan Sbaransky standing up to the KGB. But it is something. And it creates an identification with a reality—a mixture of fortitude and pluck—that is more than just infatuation with image. She stuck it to them. We admire those who stand up to the establishment, particularly those who do so against the odds and win.

Second, she suffered. Not extraordinarily, but paradigmatically. She was the paradigm unhappy woman of today, observes Simon Jenkins of *The Times* of London. "She was a spokeswoman of those with impossible husbands, worried about their appearance, wrestling with divorce, careers, children, trying to match impossible expectations."

Which helps explain this otherwise curious phenomenon: The full flowering of her fame came not with her wedding but with her divorce. It was as the woman wronged, but who ultimately finds her way, that she made her mark. For all the shallowness of her tastes and companions, suffering gave her depth and a seriousness. Her confusions and sorrows and successes gave a generation of women, also struggling with the burdens of liberation, a kind of standard-bearer.

Again, this is not the stuff of Marlborough or Wellington. But a media age tends not to produce a Wellington. It tends to produce a Travolta, who, in one priceless post-crash TV moment, offered his fullest services—"whatever can we do"—to the grieving Prince Charles, William and Harry.

At a time when media and celebrity turn riot of self-reflecting mirrors on public events and public people, it is consoling to think that all is not insubstantiality. Diana was kindly and tough and vulnerable. These simple attributes merit genuine sorrow for a life cut short.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISRAEL SPIRIT

Sir,—As a former professional affiliated with charities in the Diaspora, I can only support the idea of "Israeli Spirit" (Sept. 3).

Here in Israel we are used to turn towards the Diaspora for every need we have. We live under the impression that in the Diaspora the Jewish communities don't have any needs, that the Jewish people there can afford to pay their local taxes, support their local Jewish causes which are all privately organized (synagogues, care for the elderly, Jewish day school, kindergarten, Hevra Kadisha, cemeteries, etc.),

and in addition—support Israel. For the last three years my community in the Diaspora adopted a project to build a school in a development town here in Israel, while the kids of the local Jewish school have to spend their recess inside the classrooms because of lack of room. The community is proud to support Israel and understands the importance but... whenever I meet people from my hometown here in Israel, they are pointing at the Israelis who live in luxury and wealth, and ask the justified question: "Do they also contribute to

the social needs of this country?" Of course they understand that only a small part of us live in Savyon, Caesarea or Herzliya Pituah, but nevertheless through "Israeli spirit" we can prove, that we take our social responsibility in our own hands and not always turn toward the Diaspora. The weight of the mass aliya has to be carried by all Jews, but the cost of our society (as listed in the article) has to be carried by us.

—PHILIPPE J. WEIL
Tel Aviv.

PRIORITIES

Zion and know no further tragedy. It is also my fervent hope that if God forbid more tragedy befalls us, that *The Jerusalem Post* will finally get its priorities straight.

Ra'anana
ADINA APPEL
Ed. J.P.

The tragic deaths of the naval commandos was the main page one story of September 7, along with a picture from one of the funerals. Our follow-up report of the Ben-Yebuda bombing was also placed on the front-page. We differed from the tabloids by not filling the front page with the individual portraits of the dead soldiers.

25 years ago: On September 8, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the surviving athletes who returned from Munich with the coffins of the massacre victims charged that no security detail accompanied the Israeli delegation, despite the fact that a number of other delegations had armed guards.

Egypt had a substantial air defence system, even in the aftermath of the Russian pullout. The system consisted of 100 Sam sites, anti-aircraft guns and 180 MIG interceptors.

Alexander Zivelli

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On September 8, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that grave antisemitic excesses ushered in the Jewish New Year in Poland.

In Geneva the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations published a preliminary report on Palestine. The commission noted the widespread Arab disturbances and the increased tension throughout the country and expected to be informed without delay on the measures which the Mandatory Power would take to give effect to the conclusions and recommendations formulated by Lord Peel's Royal Commission on Palestine. The commission took notice of the decision of the Mandatory

Power temporarily to reduce, as from August 1, 1937, Jewish immigration to Palestine to 8,000 persons for the following eight months.

50 years ago: On September 8, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that disembarkation in Hamburg of the 4,400 *Exodus 1947* "illegal" immigrants to Palestine detained aboard the three British "floating cages" was delayed by heavy fog and extreme security arrangements. The wharf was lined with cages constructed from perpendicular iron bars and was sealed off at both ends by barbed wire.

In Palestine the so-called "Hamburg Day" had been declared as a day of mourning by

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Through a Lens

A Fairy-Tale Hamlet With a Diamond Tiara

By ALESSANDRA STANLEY

THE notion, so often repeated by grief-stricken mourners, that Diana Spencer, Princess of Wales, was "one of us," was, of course, absurd. The onetime future queen of England was more removed from real-life than the most pampered movie star or heiress.

But the world was privy to the most intimate details of her evolution from 20-year-old royal bride to modern divorced woman. Her glamorous looks and expensive clothes drew the eye, but it was her painful struggle with an impossible role that eventually pushed the hearts of millions of ordinary people, particularly women.

Diana alternately complied and rebelled, but ultimately she managed to redefine the role of princess to match her own personality and the expectations of an insatiable public in an age of celebrity worship.

Even after the remarkable drama and spectacle of her royal wedding in 1981, it was impossible to predict that the demure bride would soon become the most famous woman in the world. In death, from a car crash early last Sunday in Paris, she was honored by the millions of people who lined the streets to witness her funeral cortege yesterday, while tens of millions watched on television the kind of solemn tribute usually reserved for slain Presidents or towering historical figures like Churchill.

Around the world, people also gathered to mourn a woman whose life seemed as different from Diana's as possible. Mother Teresa, who died Friday at age 87 in Calcutta after half a century of caring for the poor there. Their paths had crossed as Diana's interest in charities grew; after decades of work among India's outcasts, Mother Teresa, too, was a celebrity who had learned to use the media to further her philanthropies — while symbolizing humility and self-sacrifice.

Diana didn't just become a princess; she was carefully chosen for the role. The royal selection process was as cold and prosaic as any thoroughbred auction. At 20, she had the lineage, the upbringing and the docility to appear to meet the requirements for a future queen of England. But the battery of tests and double-checks missed something. She turned out to be an aristocrat with an unabashedly bourgeois heart.

When Prince Charles introduced her to the world, she was already shaped more by popular culture than by her insular upper-class milieu. She, too, feasted on romance novels, movie magazines and music videos. Like millions of young women, she craved pleasure, passion, true love and all the other common yearnings that royalty is supposed to forgo or overcome.

Her inability to accept the oblige part of the noble clause in her contract cost her a marriage and the favor of the Windsor family. Her battle with the family, played out so publicly, was what gave her such lasting appeal. The public watched her grow, suffer and rebel.

Millions of women looked on as a real-life princess dealt with rejection, infidelity, depression, eating disorders and divorce.

And they witnessed her recovery and



Diana used the media as much as the media used her: trying to shield her sons, she fends off a photographer during a ski vacation.

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'What Now?'

Ending a Bloody Standoff in Israel

By SERGE SCHMEMANN

FROM the time the Israeli-Palestinian peace was first launched on the White House lawn four years ago, the process has been regularly punctuated by the sound of suicide bombs. The triple attack on the popular Ben Yehuda promenade in Jerusalem last week brought the number of Islamic fanatics who have turned themselves into human bombs since then to 20, with many times that number of victims. And with every explosion, Israeli reaction has gone from a horrified disbelief to angry demands for vengeance, and finally to the question that predominated after carnage on Thursday — "What now?"

It was not surrender. The thousands of Israelis who came to the Ben Yehuda mall the morning after the attack, in which four Israelis died, bore powerful testimony to a determination that Israel would not be cowed, only strengthened.

It was not fatalism, either, but a recognition that neither doves nor hawks, neither the Palestinian Authority nor the Israeli Government has a ready solution. (And Washington has been downplaying Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright's visit here this week, her first to the Middle East, though the shock of violence offered a brief window for moderation.)

That measured attitude contrasted sharply with reactions to the first bomb explosions after the Israeli-Palestinian peace began in September 1993. Then, each explosion was followed by dismay among Israelis who had thought peace would bring security, and ever more frenzied protests from right wingers who saw the blood as proof of the perfidy of dealing with the Arabs.

Yet in those days, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his successor, Shimon Peres, and Yasser Arafat would argue that the terror attacks were only a temporary action against peace, that both sides had to persevere. With each attack, however, the line began to ring hollow, especially against Benjamin Netanyahu's promise of "peace with security."

But after a year and a half of Mr. Netanyahu's Government, that promise also began to erode, as the new Prime Minister's combination of reluctant conces-



Women grieving in the aftermath of the bombing of a popular promenade in Jerusalem last week.

sions to the Oslo process and expansion in the West Bank undermined the fledgling partnership with Mr. Arafat and the Palestinians' faith in the peace. After the start of construction on a new Jewish neighborhood in East Jerusalem last March, Mr. Arafat again reached out his hand to the Islamic militants of Hamas.

The first suicide bombing on Mr. Netanyahu's watch came last March in Tel Aviv. Then came a double bombing at the Yehuda Mahane market in Jerusalem last July, and finally the unprecedented triple attack last week. This time in the immediate aftermath, there were no violent demonstrations, no anguished demands for action. Just the frustrated question, "What now?"

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The Nation

Among Cigarette Makers, Old Habits Die Hard

By BARRY MEIER

IN the images that make up the iconography of the battle over smoking, it is among the most striking: seven suited tobacco company executives standing before Congress, swearing that nicotine is not addictive and that no one had proven that their products cause cancer.

That was in 1994. Contrast it to last month's pretrial testimony by the chairman of the nation's second-largest cigarette maker. "I have always believed that smoking plays a part in causing lung cancer," said Stephen Goldstone, the chief executive of R.J.R. Nabisco Holdings Corporation, which owns the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Much has changed over the last three years in the fight over tobacco. Major tobacco producers and 40 state attorneys general agreed in June on a \$368.5 billion proposal that would settle lawsuits by states and smokers, limit advertising and provide legal protections to the industry. Many of the executives who testified in 1994 have retired or died. Newer company officials like Mr.

If in 1997 smoking causes cancer, didn't it in 1994, too?

Goldstone say cigarette companies are prepared to make a fresh start in the way they do business.

But for an industry that largely shaped the legal, legislative and health debate over smoking for four decades, old habits die hard. Despite Mr. Goldstone's testimony and the recent settlement plan, most of the major cigarette producers still refuse to publicly acknowledge that cigarettes cause cancer or that nicotine is addictive. Industry lobbyists recently flexed their political muscles behind closed doors in Congress and were able to get a provision that \$50 billion in revenue from new excise taxes over 25 years could be counted as part of the payments to be made under a national settlement. And now, as the White House prepares to announce its stance on the plan, industry officials have struck a public posture that the settlement deal must be passed quickly and with as little change as possible.

Proponents of the settlement plan have praised it as signaling a historic change in the corporate culture of the tobacco industry. But even some supporters of the proposal add that an industry considered for decades to be an outlaw has shown little signs of reform in recent months.

"The tobacco industry has made a serious mistake in not taking some dramatic action to demonstrate good faith and to demonstrate the potential for a new era," said Matt Myers, a lawyer for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, which helped negotiate the settlement. "The public skepticism for the tobacco proposal represents a nationwide distrust for the industry."



They swore to tell the truth: In 1994, chairmen of the leading tobacco companies testified before Congress, almost as one.

Cigarette industry officials say they have independently taken a number of public health measures like stopping product giveaways on street corners. And they add that the best measure of the industry's intent is its willingness to enter into a national settlement.

"There are no gestures in this climate that the industry could take regardless of their effectiveness or sincerity that are out going to be criticized by their harshest opponents," said a spokesman for R.J. Reynolds.

Just This Much

Whatever the case, the industry's gestures are limited. While producers will soon pull down billboards and remove vending machines in Florida and Mississippi as part of settlements of lawsuits by those states that were about to go to trial, they will not do so elsewhere until the national plan is enacted by Congress. Similarly, they have refused to make new admissions about their products' health risks until the legal protections of the nationwide deal are in place, arguing that to

do so now would undercut their positions in lawsuits and imperil momentum for the national plan.

The views of some of those who testified before Congress in 1994 also have not changed. James W. Johnston, then-chairman of Reynolds, said at that time that he believed that nicotine did not meet the "classic definition" of addiction and that smoking was only among many "risk factors" for diseases like cancer. He also clashed frequently during his testimony with Representative Henry Waxman, Democrat of California, who accused the executive of trying to trivialize the threat posed by cigarettes.

In an interview last week, Mr. Johnston, who retired last year, said he was "perfectly comfortable" with his Congressional testimony and stood by it. His position still reflects one long espoused by tobacco makers: that statistical evidence of a link between smoking and cancer is incomplete because the mechanism by which cigarettes produced the disease has not been established. "If you are bitten by a deer tick that carries Lyme disease you get Lyme disease," Mr. Johnston said in a telephone inter-

view. "In smoking-related illnesses, those connections have not been established."

Soon after the 1994 testimony, at the request of several lawmakers, the Justice Department opened an investigation into possible perjury by company executives. But those familiar with the investigation said that line of inquiry stalled because it is virtually impossible to indict people for lying unless there is evidence to show that they intended to mislead.

"Perjury is one of the most difficult crimes to prove," said Joseph DiGenova, a former Federal prosecutor in Washington. "You can prove that the moon is blue, but they may have believed it when they said the moon is green."

Looking Into Lying

More recently, those familiar with the Justice Department inquiry said, it has expanded to examine such issues as whether tobacco companies or industry organizations lied to Government regulators over the years about such issues as manipulation of nicotine levels.

Oral tobacco has not been established as a cause of oral cancer.

— Joseph Taddeo
U.S. Tobacco

Cigarettes and nicotine clearly do not meet the classic definition of addiction.

— James W. Johnston
R.J. Reynolds

Philip Morris does not manipulate nor independently control the level of nicotine.

— William I. Campbell
Philip Morris

Hunting 'The New Buffalo'

Now, a White Backlash Against Rich Indians

By TIMOTHY EGAN

FOXWOODS Casino, run by the Mashantucket Pequot of Connecticut, is the envy of Donald Trump and the place where many a paycheck goes to die.

Less well known is a shuttered gambling hall in the far northwest corner of Washington state, run by the Lummi Indian Nation. Two weeks ago, the tribe closed this casino near the Canadian border, saying it had become a money loser.

For the 1.4 million American Indians who live on or near a reservation, gambling was supposed to be the "new buffalo." But in the nearly 10 years since Congress opened the door to widespread tribal gambling, it has proven to be a mixed blessing, bringing great wealth to a handful of well-located tribes and little else to most Indians.

Chipping at Mainstays

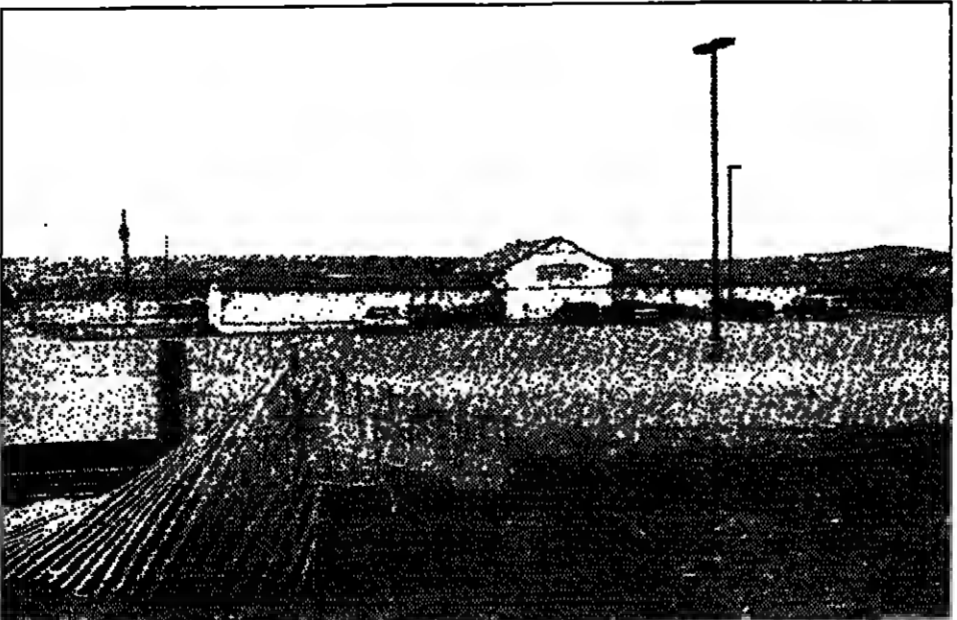
Now, as the Senate takes up a series of measures designed to limit Indian sovereignty and cut funding to tribes that are doing well, the new buffalo is being used as an excuse to chip away at one of the few mainstays of Indian power, tribal leaders say.

"There is a notable white backlash going on," said Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell at a recent conference on tribal enterprises in Reno, Nev. Mr. Campbell, a Republican from Colorado, is the only Indian in the Senate.

"Indians are at the bottom of almost every category for poverty or social ills, yet there's this perception now that we're all getting rich," said Ron Allen, president of the National Congress of American Indians. "The truth is that the majority of Indian casinos are really just marginal operations."

The Seven Cedars casino of Mr. Allen's tribe on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, the Jamestown S'Klallam, opened with much fanfare two years ago, complete with tall totems, art gallery and a parking lot that stretched over acres of former cow pasture. But it has since laid off more than half of its original 500 employees.

To Senator Slade Gorton, the Republican



Three trailers form the Prairie Casino on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

of Washington leading the campaign to overhaul Indian policy, the tribes are using their sovereignty not just to make tax-free profits but also as a shield against civil lawsuits.

A non-Indian finds it hard to get fair treatment in an Indian court, Mr. Gorton said. "The fundamental question is whether an American citizen should be without access to a neutral court to settle a difference," he said.

One of the riders Mr. Gorton inserted in the \$13 billion Interior Appropriations bill that passed the Senate in July would force the tribes to waive their sovereign immunity from lawsuits or face the loss of up to \$767 million in Federal funds designated for tribal operations — nearly half the entire budget for basic operating funds for all the nation's 554 Indian tribes.

Another rider could put Indian reservations on an accounting system that would deny Federal funds for those making a certain amount of money.

Indians see these measures as a continua-

tion of a long history of broken treaties and outright theft. Supreme Court decisions dating from 1832 have upheld Indian sovereignty. For the Senate to put sovereignty on the block as the price to receive basic tribal operating funds amounts to an abrogation of longheld treaty rights, the tribes say. Many legal scholars and some of Mr. Gorton's own Republican colleagues say the riders would not withstand a court challenge.

Indian reservations, by most measurements, remain among the poorest places in the nation. Unemployment for all adult Indians is about 15 percent — roughly three times the national average. Nearly a third of those working earn less than \$9,000 a year, according to the Interior Department.

Last spring, as Congress prepared to vote on a measure to tax profits from Indian casinos, the General Accounting Office conducted a widespread survey of Indian gaming operations and found that only a few tribes were making big profits. The tax measure was narrowly defeated.



A man fixing a truck engine at Pine Ridge, one of the poorest reservations in America.

Less than a third of the 554 recognized tribes had gambling operations, the G.A.O. found. And of those that did, just eight casinos generated 40 percent of all revenue from Indian gambling nationwide.

But there is big money in Indian gambling. Total revenue for last year was about \$7 billion — up from \$121 million in 1988, the year that the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act launched casino gambling. The Pequot earn more than \$800 million a year in slot machines alone.

The picture is uneven. In Minnesota, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa has used its successful casino to all but eliminate unemployment and build new schools and a clinic. But on the sprawling Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, away from the kind of tourist traffic drawn to the lakes of Minnesota, the tribal casino has meant very little change to an area consistently ranked among the poorest counties in America.

Mr. Gorton says it may be time to redistribute Federal funds from the wealthier

tribes to the poorer ones. The tribes oppose this, saying their reservation operating funds are something they are entitled to by treaty as a result of giving up their lands. They ask: since when are tax-cutting Republicans interested in redistributing wealth?

"If the state of Michigan generates extra money from its lottery, the Federal Government doesn't take money away from them in order to give it to Mississippi," Mr. Allen said.

Punishment?

But whether the tribes are making any money or not, they say a pattern has developed in which Indians are attacked by opponents any time they make waves or assert political power.

"We have a casino, it's generating some good resources, and now a United States Senator wants to punish us for our success," said John Blackhawk, chairman of the Winnebago Tribe in Nebraska.

Ideas & Trends

How Mother Teresa Left A Legacy of Good Works

Compassion And a Flair for Organization

By GUSTAV NIEBUHR

It seems a peculiar linkage: Diana, Princess of Wales, and Mother Teresa, caregiver to the poor, died as objects of mourning around the world. They were, after all, women born half a century apart living in social strata infinitely removed from one another and holding radically different attitudes toward class, personal wealth and the high life. Yet they shared status as being among the most admired women today, each the center of unremitting media fascination (and skillful at using the attention), and each celebrated for her compassion and humanitarianism. Diana is hailed as an inspiration for her warm, personal resilience and charitable efforts. It is, of course, Mother Teresa who leaves the bricks-and-mortar legacy of good works, one all the more remarkable for having been achieved against great odds. Her beginnings were as far removed from the limelight as one could imagine. Born Agnes Bojaxhiu in 1910, the child of an ethnic Albanian family in a provincial Balkan city under the decaying Ottoman Empire, she became a Roman Catholic nun as a teenager and was sent to India to serve as a parochial-school teacher in Calcutta. This she should become so renowned testifies to the person resources and talents a person may discover when she understands herself to be called to a task by God. In her case, Mother Teresa recalled, it happened in 1946, when she was riding on a train and heard a divine command to help the poor. Within three years, she had founded an order of nuns, the Missionaries of Charity, and in 1952 she opened a shelter in a southern neighborhood of Calcutta, where the poorest of the poor could be taken in off the streets and allowed to die with dignity.

Most people probably associate Mother Teresa's work primarily with that hospice (a place she named Nirmal Hriday, or Place of the Immaculate Heart), envisioning the nuns, clad in the order's distinctive blue-bordered white saris, moving among the cots of the destitute. But the image neglects Mother Teresa's flair for organization. She built her order into a global network of nuns and lay volunteers who today operate hospitals, health clinics, homeless shelters and youth centers from the United States in Yemen. When she won the Nobel Prize in 1979, those who honored her praised not just her commitment to the poor but her managerial skills, too.

What made her work all the more unusual was that she began in a largely Hindu, partly Muslim nation where her faith placed her in a small minority. Yet through the years, she was able to cross India's often hostile borders of religion and nationality.

News reports Friday said that she had planned, before her death, to spend Saturday praying for Diana. The two women had met on occasion through the years and Mother Teresa, by one account, had said she thought the princess to be "extremely sympathetic" to the poor.



Associated Press

In Calcutta: Enduring, One Step at a Time

By JASON DEPARLE

THE bodies stretched out on flimsy cots, close together and two rows deep. The air smelled of alcohol and excrement. The patients weren't patient. They banged their plates and screamed for water. The nuns weren't patient, either. They doled out rice with brusque efficiency, emptied bedpans and bustled off to their afternoon prayers. They knew more about prayer than medicine. One nun poked a needle into a man's emaciated arm and out the other side. They cared more about prayer than medicine. At Mother Teresa's home for the dying destitute in Calcutta, the patients tended for themselves 18 hours a day. Certainly it was better than the streets. But as a 21-year-old volunteer, I wondered: is this the stuff of sainthood? Looking for a lesson in Third World poverty (and an adventure while school was out), I spent the summer of

1981 with the Missionaries of Charity. Even after the work seemed larger than life, an episode of romance and courage. Up close, it proved simple and dull. The hospice was merely primitive. Their mental hospital was worse. It housed about 30 patients, and the three religious brothers in charge kept them locked in an unfurnished room. A few were in chains. Others were trapped in a catatonic silence. Human waste smeared walls. The brothers paid villagers to care for the patients. The villagers shooed the patients around with switches, and thrashed the non-compliant. Looking for work, I offered to buy paint and redo the dismal ward. When I left India two months later, the offer was still bogged down in bureaucracy. Judging the place beyond salvation, even Mother Teresa got out. There were occasional inspirations. A nun asked two of us to help a tuberculosis patient secure his dying wish by taking him to his home near Darjeeling. Dhana Paro Roy was one brave traveler. He arrived at the train station in an ambulance and weathered the overnight

trip with great pain but no complaint. At home the next day, he wouldn't let go of my hand. He couldn't speak, but his eyes seemed grateful. He died a few days later. The happiest work took place at a clinic near a railroad station: It specialized in the bites and boils of children sleeping on the streets. We took dirty babies with sores and turned them into clean bandaged ones. It may not qualify as social progress, but it was the most tangible progress I witnessed. Maybe things changed later on. But two years after winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, Mother Teresa presided over an empire that was striking, above all, in its ordinariness. Having never met her, I can't say if she had any more talent than the average person, or any more kindness or wisdom. But she must have had more endurance. It's only in retrospect, after celebrity distortions and legends, that her actions seem infallible, her greatness preordained. Could it be that most remarkable achievement, like hers, are cobbled together one banal step at a time?

No News

In China, Better Inread Than Read

By SETH FAISON

WHEN will the news media stop reporting so much about celebrities, sex and violence, all that silly stuff none of us should want to read? Wouldn't everyone be better off with more serious news of the world? In a sense, not necessarily. Consider China, one of the few nations where the sudden death of Diana, Princess of Wales, was not big news last week. The day after Diana died, China's most influential newspaper, People's Daily, ran a small item on page 7, giving it less prominence than an adjacent article about problems in the Malaysian economy and a piece on a Tibetan artistic troupe visiting Greece. Other Chinese media carried the news in a similar understated way. Although Chinese society is becoming more open each day, firm principles still guide what can and cannot be printed in newspapers. As a result, there is no real danger of the privacy of movie stars or other celebrities being invaded by the Chinese media, nor of anything offensive or distasteful being published. The state, not the market, still rules the media in China.

chooses. In China, that generally means anything seen to question or to threaten the authority of officialdom. When it came to Diana's death, the story was not threatening to any Chinese authority, but neither was it deemed significant enough to merit any newspaper's front page, and so coverage was limited. "Our coverage was respectful," said Chen Jingfang, an official in the chief editor's office at the Xinmin Evening News, an afternoon newspaper in Shanghai. "We cannot give as much space to her death as newspapers in Britain and the United States, where Diana had a big influence."

What Readers Should Want

In fact, a Chinese journalist later explained, editors knew that the Diana story would be one of the most closely read in the newspaper that day. But coverage was controlled, not because of what readers wanted, but because of what it was decided they should want. There was no lack of interest in Diana's untimely end among Chinese consumers of news. It was a popular topic of talk on the street in Beijing; most fascinated were young women interested in fashion and glamor, who seem to have uniformly admired the princess. At least initially, as in other countries accustomed to political conspiracies, some ordinary people asked whether Diana's death was really an accident, or whether it was a plot by the royal family, upset by Diana's romance with Esmé Hemmings (Dodi) at Fayed, the playboy son of an Egyptian billionaire. With a clear limit on news on the story from China's official sources, Chinese who wanted to know more had to tune in foreign radio broadcasts. Everywhere in the world, consumers of news often say they would like to be their own editors, complaining that newspapers and the broadcast media do not give them what they want. Then they go home and read the newspapers and watch the broadcasts that are available. And it is a fair bet that many Americans complained week after week that the coverage of Diana's death was excessive, and then read and discussed the stories as carefully and thoroughly as those of any other news event of the year.

Similarly, the public sense of outrage over Diana's death will doubtless lead to efforts by politicians to improve the protection of celebrities' privacy and to somehow limit the mobility of aggressive photographers. But short of draconian government restrictions, such moves are unlikely to alter a principal dynamic of the news media in recent years: the growing public interest in anyone as mysterious, glamorous and media-savvy as Diana. For those unhappy with an independent, market-oriented news media, it may be reassuring to remember that there is always an alternative. Good news, happy celebrities, and tasteful coverage of tragedy; that is the way in China.



Associated Press

Noblesse, yes; oblige, no: Diana plays with a mannequin while posing for a portrait by Nelson Shanks in 1994.

A Hamlet With a Diamond Tiara

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cheered her on as she sought and won her revenge. Her life was all too often a soap opera, but she brought to it real beauty, subtle charm and an uncanny gift for public relations. Somehow, she had the kind of incandescent glamour and fascination that still envelop Jacqueline Onassis and Marilyn Monroe. Like them, Diana had fame, beauty, privilege and a hint of tragedy in her bearing. More than that, she seemed to have borrowed from the pages of a pulpy Harlequin romance. Her entire career, and most particularly her painful, senseless death, would have seemed improbable from the pen of Jacqueline Susann. But the dizzying ups and downs of her life made her riveting to watch and, as she matured and increasingly sought to use her fame to promote good causes, even admirable. She was never exactly enviable. As details of her marriage, isolation and insecurity oozed out with her consent and complicity — she became pitiable, and that only deepened the public's attachment to her. Unable to find warmth and understanding in Buckingham Palace, she sought acceptance from the public. There were plenty of early slips and gaffes, a seeming preoccupation with dieting and clothes, ill-judged public romps with her clownish sister-in-law Sarah Ferguson. But as she grew more experienced, she found a balance between her regal bearing and personal warmth. She learned to use her fame to do good works — and also to distance the royal family she felt had abused and abandoned her. She talked on camera about adultery —

her own, and her husband's — post-partum depression, bulimia, therapy and with controlled anger, her in-laws' insensitivity. "Well, maybe I was the first person ever to be in this family who ever had a depression or was ever openly tearful," she said. In this obsessively confessional age, plenty of celebrities have championed causes like AIDS and discussed their vulnerabilities, low self-esteem and struggles with diseases like bulimia. But Princess Diana was a member of the British royal family, where fame is acquired not by talent or design but by birth. She married into perhaps the only remaining social caste where celebrity is to be endured, human frailty polished and good works done quietly and remotely.

A Traitor to Her Class

Her youth and beauty drew her out of that small circle and into the glaring, demanding world of public display. Her looks, personality and thirst for attention and understanding kept her there. She embraced the celebrity thrust upon her and tried to tame it. In doing so, she became a traitor to a class that seemed hopelessly out of date and aloof. On better days, she seemed amazingly down to earth in contrast to the starchy royal family. She showed herself to be a loving, emotive mother. She twinkled at ceremonies that her in-laws attended with ponderous duty. She greeted and held the sick with uncommon warmth and sympathy. Early on, her extracurricular interests were neither exalted nor uplifting, but they were very human. Few suburban mothers or salacious fantasists about imitating the hazy country life of the Queen or Princess Anne, but millions dream of being that and

thin and donning a glittering couture gown to dance at a ball with John Travolta. The fact that in her 26th birthday she desperately wanted to meet the star of "Saturday Night Fever" may have appalled her royal in-laws, but it charmed ordinary people, who saw a glimmer of themselves behind the royal facade. And when the heavy novelty of her position wore off and she slipped into depression, her eagerness to talk about it made her all the more fascinating. She was elegant, lovely and charming, but no one ever called her smart. She made no pretense of it, joking that she was "as thick as a plank." Prince Charles, with his cerebral interest in architecture and ecology, was probably a more stimulating dinner companion. But Diana was the ideal interlocutor for modern freeze-frame communication, able to signal happiness, compassion or annoyance with a look or gesture. She effortlessly overshadowed her husband at first, then later made a mission of it. She also found larger causes, and as usual, there was nothing cautious about her choices. Floating opposition from the royal family, she was an early advocate of AIDS victims. She embarrassed the Tory Government of John Major by crusading for a ban on land mines when it opposed one. She traveled to war-torn Bosnia, Pakistan and Angola, bringing with her the attention of the international press. But her private life was inextricably bound up in her public persona. She could not escape the media scrutiny, and her personal choices only egged on the army of photographers that followed her. At 36, she died a horrible death, and one that seemed portentously linked to her extraordinary life.

It's possible to keep gossip out of the press. And other things, too.

Having shed the ideology that once imbued news coverage with a Communist slant, Chinese media now report most international news straight, culled from news agencies and presented to readers in a fair manner. In fact, China's international news offers precise what many critics in the West are asking for their own media: non-sensational news reports with a strict limit on celebrity gossip and other frivolity.

Domestic Bliss

For those who tire of all the violence and rage in the American media, domestic coverage in China might seem better at first. So, newspapers are dominated by good news. Of course, that ultimately means it can't be balanced: reports are carefully chosen to praise the achievements of the authorities and, on some occasions, to point out problems that officials have decided should be addressed. Which gets to the central issue: Who should decide what is news? Editors or government officials? government with the power, to limit celebrity coverage is also one that can limit coverage of any issue or any person it

The World

A Violent Border Town Says 'Basta Ya' — Enough

By SAM DILLON

BLOODSHED is no stranger to Ciudad Juárez, the border city across the swirling Rio Grande from El Paso. For years, it has had a murder rate twice New York's, but authorities mostly shrugged off the carnage as long as it did not spill out of the shanty towns and victims could be dismissed as drug dealers.

Recently, however, something seems to have snapped. In the wake of a series of daytime attacks downtown by gangsters firing automatic rifles that have claimed 20 lives in a month, business people, clerics and other civic leaders are speaking out.

Too many murders in a drug-smuggling gateway to the U.S.

A nationwide wave of homicide has followed the death in July of Amado Carrillo Fuentes, the Mexican drug trafficker, who made Juárez his main smuggling gateway to the United States. Mexican leaders are voicing outrage about the trafficking and the mayhem that are its corollary.

"We have reached the point politically where citizens as a whole are demanding that the Government make security its No. 1 priority," Claudio X. González, chairman of Kimberley Clark of Mexico, told reporters last week. "If we don't attack the problem of public insecurity, we risk affecting both national and international investment."

But how? President Ernesto Zedillo's strategy, applauded by the Clinton Administration, is to deploy the Mexican army in hopes that disciplined soldiers will prove less corruptible than poorly paid police.



Four doctors found strangled by a dirt road were believed to be victims of a growing drug war that has claimed 20 lives in Juárez.

Ciudad Juárez and the state of Chihuahua have been a showcase for that effort; Mr. Zedillo replaced the entire command structure of the civilian anti-narcotics police here three years ago with army officers. But the military has failed to diminish either the flow of drugs or the body count.

Opposition politicians like to blame corruption within the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party for the drug crisis. But here, too, Chihuahua has been a disappointment. The pro-business National Action Party has been in control of both the Chihuahua

statehouse and Juárez city hall for five years, and its officials have proven equally unable or unwilling to resist the traffickers.

Drowning in Bribes

Part of the problem, is that the Mexican smugglers vastly outspend the Government. Flooded with drug bribes, Mexico's law enforcement and judicial system has all but collapsed. Last week, the Juárez newspaper Norte editorialized: "The old corrupt system of not fighting crime, just controlling it,

seems to have arrived at its predictable end."

The degree to which Juárez authorities have been "just controlling" crime became clear in a Federal trial in Houston in March. Cesar Dominguez, a retired Juárez police officer, testified that traffickers allied with Mr. Carrillo paid officers to move drugs freely through Juárez and to pack Government planes with cash for officials at the Attorney General's headquarters in Mexico City.

The assistant United States attorney prosecuting the Houston case, Jesse Rodriguez,



A protest march against drug violence

described the drug trade in Mexico as a conspiracy in which traffickers, the police and senior officials work together.

"The conspiracy continues, regardless of who commands the police, which trafficker is in charge, or who sits in the attorney general's office," Mr. Rodriguez said.

A Criminal Federation

Drug Enforcement Administration officials call the loose organization linking the conspirators a "federation." Until July, Mr. Carrillo was considered its chief executive, but it was destabilized by his death, which authorities say followed botched plastic surgery. Authorities say recent executions in Mexico City, Guadalajara, Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo and Juárez were attempts by rivals to muscle in on Mr. Carrillo's turf and succession squabbles among his lieutenants.

Juárez has been bloodiest. On July 3, gunmen raked the popular Max-Fim restaurant with AK-47 fire, killing six people. A dozen more, including four physicians, were murdered since. Last Sunday, 3,000 residents paraded in a March Against Violence.

"From now on, the criminals won't feel safe here because we've said 'ough!'" Humberto Leal Valenzuela, a rad announcer, told the crowd. An hour after the crowd dispersed, gangsters killed three men standing on a corner across from the Max-Fim restaurant. A fourth later died of wounds.

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Standoff In Israel

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solution to a problem. That's why Israelis are so frustrated," said Uri Droni, who was the Government spokesman under the former Labor Government. "Rabin was the first among Israeli leaders to realize that we really have a big problem here, and that the peace process was the only way out. Now many Israelis are coming to terms with the fact that there is really no easy answer."

That conclusion had several components. One was the realization that terror was likely to stay with Israel for a long time, and that none of Israel's mighty weaponry was fully effective against it. Last week's bombing came after a month of stringent military restrictions on the Palestinians; it was followed by reports of a botched military operation in Lebanon in which at least 15 Israeli commandos were killed.

"The events of the past 36 hours enforce that sense, that in the war against terrorists and in other low-level warfare being visited upon us, there can be no decisive strategic battles," said Joseph Alpher, director of the Israel office of the American Jewish Committee, "and victories will ultimately have to take a political, not a military, form."

Another conclusion was that whatever his

Sometimes, the shock of violence offers a brief window for moderation.

motives, Mr. Arafat showed that he was not prepared to curb Hamas, and that he had not abandoned violence as an option.

Whether Mr. Netanyahu had let him no alternative, as some argued on the left, or whether Mr. Arafat never accepted his share of the peace bargain, as those on the right charged, many agreed that the Israelis, and the Americans, would have to seek far more stringent security guarantees in any future negotiations.

And so, what now? In the immediate aftermath of the Ben Yehuda attacks, Mr. Netanyahu warned of tough measures, including security operations inside Palestinian areas and the postponement of scheduled withdrawal in the West Bank. Mr. Arafat rounded up some Hamas leaders. But neither action changed the existing stalemate.

Some, like Gideon Ezra, a former deputy chief of the intelligence service and advisor on terrorism to Mr. Netanyahu, called for more pressure on Mr. Arafat to crack down on Hamas. "We have no choice," he said. "We have nothing to give them."

From the other side of the political spectrum, Yossi Beilin, a leading strategist in the Labor party, argued that Mr. Arafat could be effective only if the Palestinians had some hope.

"If Netanyahu doesn't give the Palestinians some light at the end of the tunnel, he warned, "there will be more terrorism"

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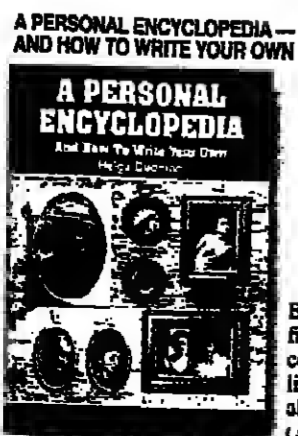
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ECONOMY

Dilbert's Scott Adams Takes Care of Business

By ADAM BRYANT

DANVILLE, Calif. SCOTT ADAMS clearly knows a thing or two about the wrong way to run a business.

After all, he has profitably mined his years of experience as a midlevel cubicle dweller in corporate America for material to create his immensely popular "Dilbert" cartoon strip. It is a world that millions of readers recognize, a place where frustrated workers use cynicism and sarcasm to defend against misguided managers, including playing "buzzword bingo" every time someone says a word like "proactive" in a meeting.

But while Dilbert's creator is best known for skewering management misuses on a daily basis, it quickly becomes clear to a visitor that Mr. Adams also has more than a few ideas about how businesses can be run well. And that is particularly true of his own, a fast-growing multimedia conglomerate built around a cast of familiar office types, including Dilbert, a powerless engineer who cannot control even his tie; Wally, a sarcastic and down-trodden coworker; Alice, who is perpetually annoyed and irrationally dedicated, and the nameless pointy-haired boss, more clueless than mean.

Mr. Adams's spacious home office

here in an affluent gated community 50 miles east of San Francisco, for example, is geared to maximizing productivity. There is a video-conferencing system for virtual book tours. (He signs books in advance, and fans can talk to him face-to-face using a camera and monitor at a bookstore.)

He has studio-quality audio equipment for frequent radio interviews. The desk next to his drawing board is a gaggle of electronic gadgets, including an E-mail system that automatically prioritizes the roughly 350 daily messages he receives while he's knocking down balls on the pool table across the room.

Despite his workload, Scott Adams has no employees, and he has no plans to hire any. He is certain that an assistant would make him less productive, not more.

"It's just such a slippery slope," he said. "When you hire that first person, then you're a boss. You've got performance reviews. You've got complaints about not making enough money. You've got people who are just going to sell your story to the tabloids."

Not that there would be much of a story to tell, considering Mr. Adams's schedule. He works seven days a week, morning and night, to expand Dilbert's reach.

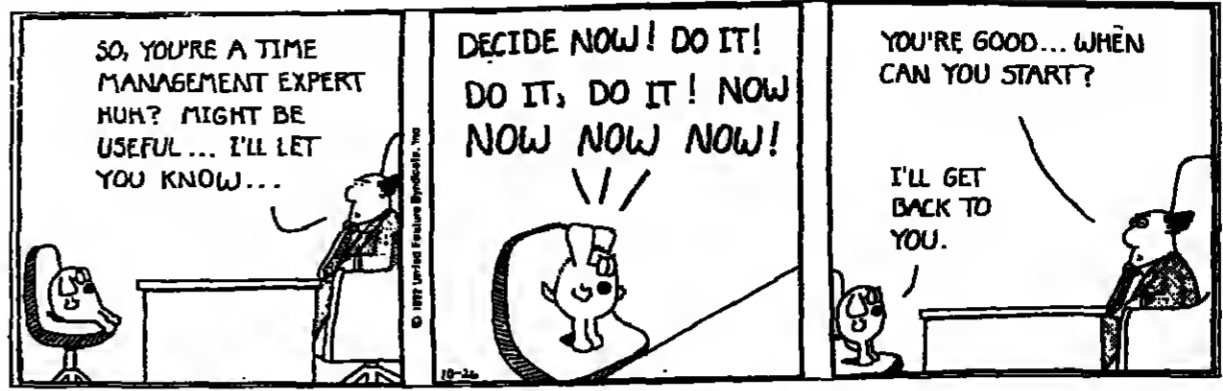
The daily cartoon strip is carried in 1,700 newspapers in 51 countries. The Dilbert site on the World Wide

Web, which brings in revenue through advertising and merchandise sales, is one of a small number that make money. There are books—including "The Dilbert Future," No. 2 on the New York Times business best-seller list, as well as two on the paperback list—computer software, business videos, and a newsletter. He is discussing plans for a Dilbert animated television show. He is a regular on the speaking circuit, charging from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for each engagement.

But when he is at home, his schedule is roughly the same every day. He is up at 6 A.M. and working at his desk, coffee in hand, five minutes later. He draws his strip in pencil for 90 minutes, then looks for E-mail messages that need immediate attention. After taking care of such administrative work, he turns to book writing in the afternoon, something he used to do in the morning.

"I try to manage my day by my circadian rhythms because the creativity is such an elusive thing, and I could easily just stomp over it doing my administrative stuff," he said. His live-in girlfriend, Pam Okasaki, knows not to bother him when he is working on his strip. "From 6 to 7, if the house is on fire, call the fire department, not me," he said.

He goes out for dinner at local restaurants every night and then returns to his office to ink and color his strips before sending them off to his syndicate through the Internet. He also answers as many E-mail messages as he can while he and Ms. Okasaki watch television.



employees at a bank, and one senior employee underwent training to use the Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet program.

The employee, Mr. Adams said, did not quite harness the program's power. Instead, he would type numbers into the spreadsheet, then add them up on a calculator and type in the answer. After watching him do this three or four times, Mr. Adams decided it was time to dismiss the employee, who seemed generally incapable of doing anything.

Wait a minute, he was told. The employee had 20 years of good reviews, and if Mr. Adams were to suddenly try to get rid of him, it would look as if the problem was Mr. Adams's, not the worker's. In the end, the employee stayed.

In part because of such experiences, Mr. Adams likes to keep his professional dealings on a contract basis. His only disappointment is with the professionals who are managing half his money. He manages the other half, and he is beating them hands-down simply by investing in mutual funds with good track records and a few of Warren Buffett's favorite stocks.

Mr. Adams thinks that in the future, more people will be working as he is, part of a phenomenon he calls "boss diversification."

"The worst risk that you can face is to have one boss, somebody who can make your life miserable and then decide when it is time for you to go," he said. "It used to be that was the safest thing, but slowly people are realizing through downsizing that that might be the worst risk. The more customers and clients you have, the safer you are. People are going to gravitate to what is safest."

Ultimately, he said, "you're going to have real trouble finding anybody who wants to work for another human being."

As it is, Mr. Adams said, it is not an easy time for managers. Better employees have more options to work for themselves. And so the power of managers continues to decrease. Carrots, like using big salary increases to reward good performers, tend to be out of most managers' hands. And the traditional stick—the threat of being let go—is also not so intimidating anymore, Mr. Adams said.

"Every employee now expects to get fired tomorrow," he added. "It's just not the threat it used to be. If you're a manager, it's really going to be a tough job to figure out how to motivate people."

FOR A LONG time, Mr. Adams was motivated by a desire to win some financial freedom.

It was only two years ago that he left his job at Pacific Bell, where he worked for six years even as he was drawing the cartoon strip that has made him famous, in effect doing two full-time jobs.

And it was only a year ago that he moved out of a two-bedroom town house into his current larger and more luxurious quarters, and traded in his Nissan NX2000 for a BMW M3.

He declined to discuss his net worth, although his plans to invest in the risky restaurant business may offer some indication of the level of his disposable income.

The cushion has given him the ability to pursue other projects, particularly an idea that has been kicking around in his head for many years: the perfect food.

The basic idea, Mr. Adams said, is that if there was a food that was 100 percent good for people, their bodies would recognize the difference and want to eat more of it.

So he is now working with a food expert, testing recipes for a kind of super burrito. Mr. Adams thinks the burritos could be marketed to yuppies, as a start.

Mr. Adams can be as idealistic as the characters in Dilbert can be cynical. If the burrito catches on, he said, perhaps it will lead to people thinking more about their diets, which may lead to a 5 percent overall improvement in the health of Americans, which will lead to billions and billions of dollars freed up to build a better standard of living.

"I love anything that has no down side and potential gigantic up side," he said.

Mr. Adams is more guarded about his idealism when asked about corporate management, although he will share some semi-serious observations.

The problem with management theories, he said, is that while they often make unassailable sense on paper, each company or situation is different, requiring a distinctive solution that is best devised by smart employees who are allowed to think for themselves.

Even so, Mr. Adams still has many fans among the pundits he regularly pokes fun at.

"These days, something isn't validated or considered serious until it's been harpooned in a Dilbert cartoon," said Michael Hammer, the best-selling author whose ideas about re-engineering were the butt of a series of Dilbert strips.

The secret of good management? "Getting the right mixture of people seems to be 80 percent of success," Mr. Adams said, "and the other 20 percent is just not getting in their way."

On leadership: "I believe that all leaders are evil, and I mean that in the best possible sense. After all, I am a capitalist. A leader has to be somebody who's getting people to do things which don't seem to make sense to them or are not in their best interest—like convincing people that they should work 14 hours a day so that someone else can make more money."

On corporate culture: "A lot of companies think that they can actually make changes which cause culture to be different, like now you will all think that working long hours for less money is a good idea because we're in it together, we're a team."

Instead, he said, a company's culture is created by all the little things it does.

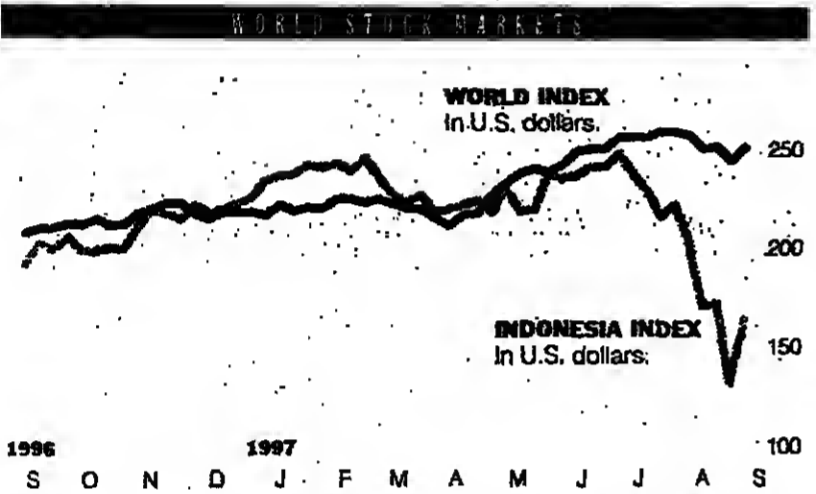
An employee might ask to extend a business trip over a weekend, which often saves the company money because of the steep discounts on leisure air fares. Most companies, he said, will say no.

"That creates an impression that making sense is not valued in this company, and that what really counts is getting away with stuff or following rules mindlessly," he said. "It sends a very clear message that will have ripple effects."

It seems that Mr. Adams's overarching goal, as he sends Dilbert out to tilt at corporate windmills, is to have a better kind of ripple effect.

"The one and only thing I can do to be useful is to look at things from a different point of view than the normal point of view. Whenever you have more points of view, the chances of your getting the right solution are higher.

"It's just diversifying the portfolio of thoughts," he said. "I can definitely help there."



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Country	PERFORMANCE IN U.S. DOLLARS					IN LOCAL CURR.	
	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank	Index	% Chg.
Australia	224.84	0.9	24	1.3	20	204.70	10.2
Austria	200.18	3.8	12	5.4	19	187.94	23.6
Belgium	246.36	4.5	8	8.2	15	226.67	27.1
Brazil	279.17	9.2	2	47.2	1	561.71	54.8
Britain	311.04	1.1	22	9.8	14	290.84	18.5
Canada	216.62	2.3	19	14.1	11	216.97	15.1
Denmark	379.50	-0.1	28	7.8	16	355.08	25.7
Finland	298.66	4.7	6	21.6	7	339.53	42.9
France	227.59	4.6	7	6.3	18	217.08	24.4
Germany	224.27	4.2	9	18.0	8	210.66	38.4
Hong Kong	506.70	3.1	17	-0.1	21	504.00	0.1
Indonesia	168.95	23.4	1	-26.0	24	304.21	-8.0
Ireland	371.21	1.0	23	12.9	13	352.07	28.6
Italy	102.90	3.8	11	23.3	5	135.35	42.8
Japan	123.39	0.4	25	-4.4	22	94.54	-0.2
Malaysia	330.80	3.8	10	-45.2	26	189	-36.0
Mexico	1,745.84	4.9	5	43.1	2	1,486.34	41.9
Netherlands	409.10	5.8	4	21.7	6	379.99	43.2
New Zealand	87.57	0.3	27	-4.6	23	4.17	73.06
Norway	333.95	3.2	16	13.0	12	182	336.81
Philippines	106.48	0.3	26	-47.7	27	124	-36.2
Singapore	310.20	3.6	13	-26.1	25	145	216.57
South Africa	343.26	1.7	21	7.8	17	241	351.98
Spain	251.20	3.5	14	14.3	10	226	290.10
Sweden	488.60	2.4	18	15.8	9	183	563.39
Switzerland	302.91	6.0	3	27.0	3	120	277.95
Thailand	38.72	1.9	20	-58.5	28	5.13	57.15
United States	378.02	3.2	15	25.2	4	164	378.02

Region	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank
Europe	273.74	3.2	14.2	2.41	263.61
Pacific Basin	138.96	1.0	-6.5	1.36	107.28
Europe/Pacific	195.22	2.3	4.7	1.97	165.96
World	256.61	2.8	14.5	1.80	231.89

Exchange rates as of Friday London close. Source: The Financial Times Ltd., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Standard & Poor's.

Exchange rate	CURRENCIES			
	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Dollar vs. yen to the U.S. dollar	121.06	120.81	+0.20	106.90
Canadian marks to the U.S. dollar	1.8224	1.8095	-0.39	1.4810
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.3833	1.3883	-0.36	1.3681
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.5939	1.6200	-1.61	1.5647

Source: Financial Markets. Exchange rates as of Friday New York close.



Scott Adams at home with a sample of Dilbert merchandise. Photo by Darcy Phillips for The New York Times.

Sept. 1-5: Small Stocks Continue Climbing; Blue Chips Recover a Bit From August's Fall

Category	Change
Broad market S&P 500 index	Up 3.29%
Blue chips Dow 30 industrials	Up 2.62%
Small capitalization Russell 2000 index	Up 2.27%

Category	Change
Treasuries Ryan Labs Total Return	Up 0.01%
Municipals Bond Buyer index	Up 0.23%
Corporates Merrill Lynch Master index	Up 0.01%

Category	Change
European stocks F.T. Actuaries Europe	Up 2.81%
Asian stocks F.T. Actuaries Pacific Basin	Up 0.98%
Gold New York cash price	Down 0.52%

Category	Change
Long bonds	6.64%
30-year Treasuries	Up 4 basis pts.
Notes 2-year Treasuries	Down 2 basis pts.
Municipals Bond Buyer index	Down 2 basis pts.

Category	Change
Money market funds	5.05%
Taxable average	Up 3 basis pts.
Bank C.D.'s	5.17%
1-year small savers	Unchanged
Stocks	1.66%
S. & P. 500 dividend yield	Down 5 b.p.

Sources: Bank Rate Monitor, Bloomberg Financial Markets, The Bond Buyer, Datastream, Goldman, Sachs, IBC's Money Fund Report, Merrill Lynch, Standard & Poor's, Ryan Labs

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Diana's Funeral, Britain's Message

Of all the images evoked during the past week by the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the one most likely to survive the passage of time is the startling response of the British people. The queues of mourners at the condolence books, the massed bouquets outside Kensington Palace, the millions who lined the streets and applauded spontaneously during the most evocative moments of the funeral service — all these reflected a collective surge of national emotion that sent two clear messages.

One, of course, was an unmistakable message of affection for Diana. The other, perhaps in the long run more important, was that while most Britons remain loyal to the institution of the monarchy, they believe the Windsors need some instruction in how to run it. Queen Elizabeth and her family had a chance to surmount years of bad publicity by leading the nation in a prolonged show of elevated bereavement. Instead, for most of last week, they looked doltily remote and badly in need of the guidance that flowed up from the streets instead of down from Balmoral.

The source of Diana's remarkable hold on the public remains something of a mystery. Now, as exaggerated by an abrupt and senseless death, the adoration of Diana certainly partakes of the canonization that her devoted brother, Earl Spencer, warned against in what must surely be one of the most scathing eulogies in Westminster Abbey's long history of royal ceremony. In any event, the people seem unlikely to dwell on Diana's imperfections any time soon, because early and late in her streaking course from obscurity to madcap destruction, she connected with the British people in a fluid way that the rest of the royals cannot master and, indeed, seldom bother to fake.

Queen Elizabeth, scrambling to catch up with a public that condemned her aloofness and absence from England's mourning capital, had invoked Diana's healing common touch in her remarks from the palace balcony on Friday. She noted Diana's capacity "to inspire others with her warmth and kindness." She "admired and respected" her former daughter-in-law, the Queen allowed. But Elizabeth could not quite bring herself to say she ever loved the woman.

Had the Queen made even so controlled an appearance earlier in the week, she might have deflected much of the criticism hurled her way in the final two days before the funeral. But over the years, this particular Queen had somehow forgotten how her father, King George VI, stabilized the House of Windsor by keeping his family in London to share the hazards of the Blitz. Elizabeth herself began her reign with a large bank account of public affection. But that account was depleted by her zealot quest for privacy, her husband's ostentatious crankiness, her children's spendthrift indiscretions and her son Charles's idiosyncratic ideas about private behavior and public duty. Diana's

death and the immediate worldwide audience provided a chance to replenish the account of public affection with which Britons yearn to endow their rulers. But instead of responding rapidly and in personal terms, the Queen and her family retreated to Balmoral Castle in Scotland, itself a historic symbol of royal disengagement where Queen Victoria secluded herself for years following her husband's death. It was this chilly detachment, as much as the family's rough treatment of Diana, that turned what could have been a moment of healing into a public relations hurricane.

By dawn on Saturday, with a crowd of a million building in the streets, the royal family began to get things right. They stood in full public view to watch the casket pass bearing its three bouquets and the young prince's heartbreaking card to "Mummy," Prince Philip, unannounced, joined his son and grandsons to walk in the funeral procession, and for once, his stern gaze and martial stride seemed not remote, but of a solemn piece with the mood set by a slow-gonging bell and the tossing black borses.

Through Wellington Arch and down the Mall, it was at last proper Windsor gesture and pageantry. If television pictures were anywhere near an accurate gauge, an anger long pent seemed to seep from the crowd. But while the streets were commanded in some measure by the Queen again, the church that has seen 39 coronations belonged one last time to Diana and the odd-lot congregation left by her odd-lot life. Britain's leaders listened with official guests, rockers, models and movie folk as Elton John — a courtier in the pop-culture world Diana adored — sang a keening ballad he had composed for another blond prisoner of fame, Marilyn Monroe. As for Lord Spencer's raw and passionate eulogy, the British press and eventually the historians will be chewing it for a long time. He strated nearly everyone except the irresponsible driver who sped his sister to her death. His flogging of the press was predictable, but it was his "blood family" challenge to the Windsors over the raising of Diana's Spencer sons that will be remembered. His meaning, barely veiled, was that the royal family has an obligation to protect Prince William and Prince Harry in a way that it never protected Princess Diana.

It is a warning that Queen Elizabeth and Prince Charles would be wise to heed. Their belated gestures let them squeak through the funeral with a fair chance to reclaim public affection, if not the worship now owned by a Diana who is already wrapped in legend. Her burial ended one of those weeks when the British people seem to rise up as one to deliver an emotional verdict that confounds expectations. Perhaps Churchill's defeat after World War II was one such moment. But this one, of course, is more primal than political. In the extremity of their mourning, Britain's citizens were exhibiting their desperate loyalty to the royal family and their desperate demand that this bunch quit making such a hash of the job.

Protecting Children From Guns

Once again, Congressional Republicans are blocking sensible gun-control legislation. The measure involves child safety, making the G.O.P.'s doctrinal alliance with the National Rifle Association especially offensive. Seeking to prevent the tragedies that frequently occur when children get their hands on guns, President Clinton included in his juvenile justice bill a provision that would require firearms dealers to sell a safety lock with every gun. But the provision got omitted from a version of the bill approved in May by the Republican-controlled House. Republican leaders, anxious to please the N.R.A., successfully maneuvered to avoid an open vote on the House floor.

The N.R.A. argued that the safety lock might prevent gun owners from protecting their families in an emergency, like a robbery. But the child lock is easily removable. Besides, as studies have shown, unlocked guns in the home pose more of a threat to family safety than outside intruders do. These child safety locks are an important step, and one that has wide support in the law enforcement and medical

communities. Even gun manufacturers are beginning to get the message. In August, the world's largest handgun manufacturer, Smith & Wesson, announced that it would voluntarily begin providing a trigger lock with every handgun sold to the public.

A number of states — not including New York — have already passed laws imposing severe penalties on gun owners who leave unsecured weapons around the premises for children to find and use.

It is not clear whether the child-lock provision will survive in the Senate. Nor is it certain, given the N.R.A.'s opposition, that a Senate-approved provision could survive a House-Senate conference. There are also other controversial elements in the bill that may make it not worth supporting.

But whatever happens to the larger bill, a way should be found to rescue the safety-lock requirement. Chances are it would pass easily in both chambers if lawmakers were forced to take a public stand. Mr. Clinton and gun-control groups ought to be exploring ways to force that public showdown.

Clear Night

Not long after the sun burns out, some five billion years from now, the galaxy we live in may collide, or intermingle catastrophically, with the Andromeda Galaxy (M31), 2.2 million light-years away. For now that galaxy remains pretty much where it has always been: a few degrees below and to the right of the conspicuous, W-shaped constellation called Cassiopeia, which lies halfway up the northeastern sky at bedtime this season of the year.

This could be a marquee event. Indeed, the impending collision of these two galaxies, with six or seven hundred billion stars and all their attendant worlds, is the kind of celestial happening that belongs on everyone's worry list. In fact, a person would do well to resolve to fret about nothing less significant than this event, compared with which the sun's flaming-out is a mere bagatelle.

At least that is how it seems to someone when lying in a Wyoming hayfield looking up at the sky on a warm September night. In the near distance, the lights of Sheridan cast a benign glow, and in the far distance, M31 dispels its faint cloud of light. It is the kind of night in which the constellations seem like

old friends. Scorpio, the Scorpion, has hooked its tail into the Bighorn Mountains. Delphinus, the Dolphin, surfs in the wave whose foamy crest is the Milky Way. Sagittarius — the Bowhunter in this part of the world — lies at the place where the Milky Way plunges into the Bighorns.

In the cottonwood draw where Little Goose Creek flows, deer cough from time to time, and a Great Horned Owl screeches punctually. A cricket in the hay stubble emits a pure, intermittent, staccato whine that could as well be the sound of some pulsar deep in the recesses of the universe. The horses who live in this field keep their distance, but their presence can be felt, a weight and a wariness nearly as palpable as the breeze that stirs the grasses.

Does Attention Deficit Disorder Really Exist?

To the Editor:
It is a paradox that your Sept. 2 Science Times article raising questions about genetic reductionism ("Some Biologists Ask 'Are Genes Everything?'") should appear on the same day as a front-page discussion of people who have trouble paying attention, a discussion that engages in equally dubious reductionism.

Referring to adults who are disorganized, distractible or fidgety, you say they "have the disorder" and even compare their problem to "other mental illnesses." However, a critical review of the available research on what is called attention deficit hyperactivity disorder raises serious questions about what you take for granted: that there exists a discrete disorder inside of certain individuals, much less a neurological cause for their problems.

All of us could be placed on a continuum with respect to how well we concentrate or how often we interrupt, and to make matters more complicated, the extent to which this is true for any of us depends on what we happen to be doing at the time.

The problem is not just that children, and increasingly adults, are too casually offered stimulants like Ritalin but that biological reductionism lies behind the tendency to ignore the deeper social, psychological and cultural issues in people's complex lives in favor of assuming there is a disease located within their heads.

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Belmont, Mass., Sept. 3, 1997
The writers are each authors of books on human behavior and education.

creative and skilled members number in our ranks. ANDREA CHINN
New York, Sept. 3, 1997

Easing Parents' Stress

To the Editor:
After reading "The Conditions for Making a Diagnosis of Attention Deficit Disorder" (news article, Sept. 2), my female co-workers and I reached a startling conclusion: Every male we know meets the criteria, and many are severely afflicted with the disorder. As a camp director, I observed that parents too often opt to take advantage of drugs like Ritalin for the sake of their own peace of mind. Children on downers reduce stress for parents and teachers alike.

Let's not rush to classify (and stigmatize) every possible childhood affliction. If you had to sit through my

second-grade teacher's class, you, too, would be distracted and daydream. JEFFREY L. SOLSAY
Washington, Sept. 2, 1997



Karen Caldwell

order who do not respond to methylphenidate, who cannot tolerate it or prefer not to take it have found that some of the newer antidepressant medications are frequently well tolerated and effective in the treatment of attention deficit disorder, even in the absence of a depressive syndrome. MICHAEL D. ROANSON, M.D.
Morristown, N.J., Sept. 3, 1997
The writer is a psychiatrist.

Ritalin Alternatives

Although your Sept. 2 front-page article emphasizes the use of methylphenidate (Ritalin) in the treatment of attention deficit disorder in adults, your readers should be aware that pharmacologic treatments other than stimulants are available.

Many adult patients with the disorder who do not respond to methylphenidate, who cannot tolerate it or prefer not to take it have found that some of the newer antidepressant medications are frequently well tolerated and effective in the treatment of attention deficit disorder, even in the absence of a depressive syndrome. MICHAEL D. ROANSON, M.D.
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Abuse and Addiction

To the Editor:
Your Sept. 2 front-page article on

Detrimental Description

To the Editor:
Re "Attention Disorder Is Found in Growing Number of Adults" (front page, Sept. 2):

As an adult who suffered the symptoms from childhood before being diagnosed in adulthood and who had wondered why the concept of being on time and organized eluded me, I felt unintelligent and resentful that I spent my life compensating for seemingly indefinable difficulties. Yet I have always been a leader, achieved academically and was never a behavioral problem.

Because the disorder was so dominant in me, it passed to my three children. All three are highly intelligent. My two oldest graduated from top universities. Though they never requested learning aids, they had to compensate daily, with my support to help them through. Have we taken medication? You bet.

Describing us as mentally ill is detrimental and a fallacy; it does little more than to create fear in parents and a sense of humiliation. Many of society's most educated,

Atrocities in Algeria

To the Editor:
"Algeria's Agony" (editorial, Sept. 3) calls on France to use its "considerable influence" to press Algeria to end the violent conflicts that have claimed at least 60,000 lives since 1992. However, France's long history of colonialism diminishes its position of influence. The United States could and should take the lead in insisting on an end to the butchery.

While we agree with placing much of the blame on the "terrorist movement," Amnesty International has documented many cases of torture and killings by the Government's security forces and the local militias as well. Algeria is a sovereign country, obliged under human rights treaties to insure that human rights are not violated.

ABDERRAHIM SABIR
New York, Sept. 4, 1997
The writer is chairman of the North Africa Coordination Group, Amnesty International USA.

Recall Obesity Drugs

To the Editor:
The outbreak of cardiovascular illness and death linked to the appetite-suppressant drugs fenfluramine (Pondimin) and dexfenfluramine (Redux) that Jane E. Brody accurately describes could easily have been avoided (Personal Health column, Sept. 3).

Cases of fenfluramine-induced pulmonary hypertension, fatal in a significant percentage of affected individuals, had been described in the British Heart Journal in 1993. The Food and Drug Administration was aware of the risk of pulmonary hypertension, albeit small, from fenfluramine when it approved the related compound, dexfenfluramine, in 1995.

Although the series of recent cases cannot prove that the fenfluramines cause cardiovascular disease, the available data are cause for action. The F.D.A. should err on the side of caution and remove fenfluramine and dexfenfluramine from the market. RICHARD A. FRIEDMAN, M.D.
New York, Sept. 4, 1997

The writer is director of the psychopharmacology clinic at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

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Cougars and Humans Can Peacefully Coexist

To the Editor:
Re your Sept. 3 news article about the attacks by cougars in Mesa Verde National Park, Colo.: We are experiencing a painful growth here, building additional homes and commercial projects in the mountains. Because of the rash of construction, cougars and black bears have been forced from their natural habitat in search of food.

Bear sightings are a daily event here in Boulder. The bears are tagged and released the first two times they invade our Dumpsters, but they are killed under a "three strikes" program if they return again. The cougar that killed the 10-year-old boy in Rocky Mountain National Park in July was pregnant and starving. The boy was on the cougar's turf at the wrong place and the wrong time.

These are very dangerous animals, but more dangerous are the human beings who are trying to disrupt wildlife in its natural surroundings. MATTHEW B. KALINE
Boulder, Colo., Sept. 3, 1997

To the Editor:
Yes, humans are being attacked by cougars in Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., but they are usually young and alone (news article, Sept. 3). Big cats don't take on fights unless they are sure they'll win, so they aren't prone to attacking groups.

Therefore, in areas where cougars have been sighted, people should travel or play in groups. Further, to discourage cougars in the backyard, residents should remove all plantings that attract cougar prey. Such measures will surely improve the situation significantly.

Peaceful coexistence is still the great unexplored option in our arsenal of responses to animal threats. LINDA LIGHTFOOT GREANVILLE
Fairfield, Conn., Sept. 4, 1997

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attention deficit disorder describes Ritalin, the principal medication used in the treatment of the disorder, as a "mild stimulant" that is "roughly [equivalent to] a jolt of strong coffee." You suggest that Ritalin is viewed by "throwing" psychiatrists as "preferable" to speed or cocaine for recreational use because it is in the body for only four hours. Such statements may mislead the public about a drug that appears safe but has the potential for abuse.

There have been reports of Ritalin abuse and addiction since the 1960's. A rise in emergency room reports of Ritalin overdoses in children ages 10 to 14 parallels the rise of the legal use of the drug in the general population. And the number of overdoses is equal to the number of cocaine overdoses reported annually.

Unlike teen-agers and adults, prepubescent children, normal or not, do not like higher doses of Ritalin. They complain and say it makes them feel "weird." The stimulants have had a 60-year track record of relative safety in use with children. The only thing paradoxical about Ritalin may be that its use with children is safer than with adults, who can and may abuse it. LAWRENCE H. DILLER, M.D.
Walnut Creek, Calif., Sept. 3, 1997
The writer is an assistant clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of California, San Francisco.

Learning Disabilities

To the Editor:
Though you say that Ritalin "stays in the bloodstream only four hours" (front page, Sept. 2), the drug and other medications used to treat children and adults with attention deficit disorder are available as "sustained release" preparations that are effective for six to eight hours, allowing for less frequent dosing. When studying the struggles of affected individuals, you must consider the contribution of associated conditions. One-third of individuals with attention deficit disorder also have a learning disability.

Contrary to your article, the disorder was not first diagnosed by a British pediatrician in 1902. Hyperactivity had been described in nonmedical literature years earlier. More important, the introduction of the term "attention deficit disorder" in 1980 reflected a shift in clinical focus from hyperactivity to distractibility.

Though there has been a significant rise in the number of children and adults for whom Ritalin is prescribed, office-visit statistics are influenced by financial and administrative factors, not just clinical considerations. ANDREW R. ADESMAN, M.D.
New Hyde Park, N.Y., Sept. 3, 1997
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Sweden's Wartime Role

To the Editor:
In "Swedish Scandal" (editorial, Aug. 31), you say Sweden's reputation was damaged this year "by revelations of wartime iron exports that fed Hitler's military machine." I was an eyewitness to Sweden's trade with Nazi Germany. In 1944, at the age of 13, I was prisoner No. 53,999 at Zeltz, a German concentration camp that was part of Buchenwald.

My father, brother and I were housed in tents with the other prisoners, across the street from a synthetic gasoline factory owned by a German company. We worked for the German company, doing mostly hard manual labor. I also stocked shelves in a warehouse with newly arrived ball bearings made by SKF, a Swedish company. They were used to maintain the machinery for production of synthetic gasoline for the Nazi war effort.

The factory was bombed at least twice by American Air Force planes. The prisoners then had to work to get it back into production, including the use of ball bearings to repair motors. PAUL N. FRENKEL
New Preston, Conn., Sept. 2, 1997

Weak Police Monitor

To the Editor:
An Aug. 31 editorial correctly notes that "New York has yet to establish a strong, independent body to monitor and investigate police misconduct." Yet while you justifiably praise elements of the pending City Council bill to establish an Independent Police Investigation and Audit Board — with subpoena power and its own investigators — you overlook a shortcoming of the existing Civilian Complaint Review Board, one that may well hamstring the new board.

If an investigating body cannot conduct its own prosecutions, the entire process will suffer from a lack of accountability. Under the present system, the Police Department often claims that the civilian board forwards weak or unprovable cases, while the board often claims that the Police Department chooses not to pursue the strong cases it sends over. If the board's attorneys knew while they were investigating a complaint that they would ultimately have to present evidence at a disciplinary hearing, their investigations would probably be more thorough, and their judgments on what was a provable case would be more reliable. In short, they would be far more accountable. ROBERT H. TEMBECKLIAN
New York, Sept. 2, 1997
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In America

BOB HERBERT

The Lonely Campaign

Ruth Messinger could hardly have looked more alone. She had just come out of P.S. 249 in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn and now she was stopping to talk to three or four reporters. It was a fine day for campaigning. The afternoon was sunny and mild and traces of autumn were appearing. With the Democratic mayoral primary just days away, it was a perfect time to rev up the faithful and round up additional recruits.

Ms. Messinger was doing neither. She stood on the sidewalk and listlessly offered boilerplate to the small cluster of reporters. Ms. Messinger is considered the leading Democratic candidate, but at this stop there was no way to tell. There were no supporters surrounding her, no parents, no community activists, no one. And there were virtually no onlookers.

A woman smoking a cigarette near the entrance to the school waved off questions from a reporter. "I'm not voting," she said.

A half-block away, a school crossing guard, Phyllis Scott, said she planned to vote in the primary, but she didn't know for whom. It doesn't really matter. In the general election, she said, she will vote for Rudolph Giuliani.

And that is the song being sung ever more loudly by Democrats across the city. To have a chance of being elected Mayor, Ms. Messinger needed to campaign tirelessly and innovatively, building up momentum in the primary campaign that would roll like a wave into the general election. But that has not happened. Ms. Messinger has generated little enthusiasm and has made several missteps. She has not, in the words of one of her own supporters, "campaigned hard enough or smart enough."

There is no good news. A measure of the extreme difficulty Ms. Messinger will face if she becomes the nominee is evident in the tolerant attitude that a surprising number of black voters are exhibiting toward Mr. Giuliani. The overwhelming hostility toward the Mayor that existed in black neighborhoods three or four years ago appears to be easing.

"I'll probably vote for him," said Shirley Johnson, who was interviewed as she waited for a bus at the corner of Church Avenue and Westminster Place, out far from P.S. 249. "He's probably the best qualified. I find the crime issue to be very important."

Ilka Smith, who lives around the corner from the school, felt similarly. "I'll probably vote for him," she said. "He did a lot to clean things up. Crime is down. And we didn't see too much in the way of fireworks on the Fourth of July."

No Democratic candidacy can withstand these increasingly com-

Ruth Messinger's disappointing effort.

moo sentiments from black voters. Without an extreme sweep of the African-American vote, all hope of upsetting Mr. Giuliani is lost.

"I have been hearing black voters in different parts of the city saying they would vote for the Mayor, that he hasn't done that bad a job," said Willie Scott, a Democrat who is the district manager of Community Board 17, which covers part of East Flatbush. "In the beginning I felt myself that things would be terrible under him. But has he been a bad Mayor? I will not say that."

To win, any Democrat needs to run a nearly flawless campaign and pile up an overwhelming majority of the black vote. With Ms. Messinger, neither looks as if it's in the cards. Her main focus has been schools, but she undermined the legitimate overcrowding issue by running a television ad that gave the incorrect impression that kids were being taught while virtually jammed up against urinals.

She had the extraordinarily poor taste to adopt the term "Giuliani time" as a campaign mantra. The term came to prominence after it allegedly was used by the police officer accused of attacking Abner Louima in a station house in Brooklyn.

And in a sign that she is not ready for the rough and tumble of big-time politics, she complained last week that Mr. Giuliani was being sexist in his criticism of her. She said that he had called her ideas silly, accused her of being unable to count, and described her as a "far-left-wing extremist." The truth is that Mr. Giuliani dismisses men and women, fairly or unfairly, with the same kind of rhetoric.

There is a strong case that could be made in a political campaign against Rudolph Giuliani. Ruth Messinger, still the favorite in Tuesday's primary, is not making it. □

Grief on Demand

By Adam Phillips

Life — is considered a haven in a heartless world. Indeed, it has become increasingly clear that our idealizing of private life is a sign of our despair about political life.

We are addicted to publicity now because we have a lingering doubt that there may be no such thing as privacy: that the protection privacy affords might be a protection racket for those who can afford it. It's as though we are not sure what privacy is for anymore.

And yet what could be more private than our feelings, especially, perhaps, our feelings of grief? Why has the silence of the royal family been experienced by so many people as a betrayal, rather than a dignified sign of respect to Diana?

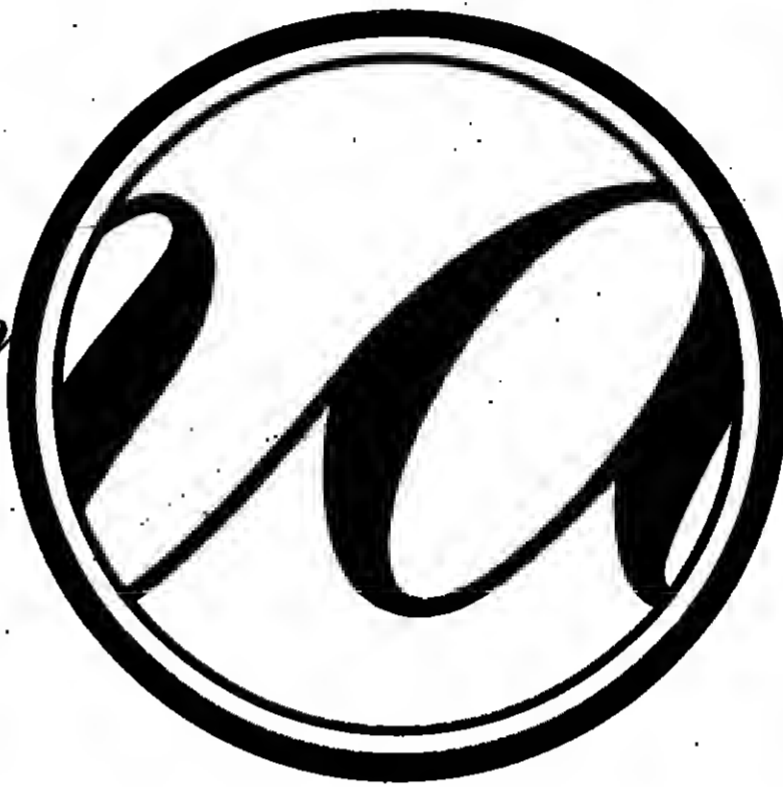
We always need to blame something or someone for a death, and the royal family's relationship with Diana was evidently troubled. But it may also be the case that the royal

family is being used as a scapegoat; that it has become the focus for some rather more puzzling issues sparked off by this accidental death.

The public has interpreted the silence of the royal family members as either that they don't know what they

Are emotions now real only if we are seen having them?

feel, or that they are ambivalent — that they have mixed or contradictory feelings about Diana's death. And ambivalence or an uncertainty about what one feels — rather like indecisiveness in public life — is con-



Chip Kidd

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'To Avoid Such a Disgrace'

WASHINGTON
If by the first week in October Attorney General Janet Reno does not seek appointment of Independent Counsel, she may well be the first Cabinet member since William Belknap in 1876 to be impeached.

That is the clear import of three coordinated letters, all dated Sept. 3 and delivered to the Justice Department last week.

One is a 23-page missive signed by every member of the majority of the House Judiciary Committee, delineating evidence that Federal crimes may have been committed by officials covered by the Independent Counsel Act. The crimes include bribery, use of the White House for political purposes, misuse of tax-exempt organizations and extortion of campaign contributions.

The second letter, from every member of the majority of the House Rules Committee, notes that the weak excuse given by Ms. Reno for refusing to trigger the act — that Vice President Gore's solicitations from the White House were only for "soft mon-

Impeaching Janet Reno is an option.

ey" — had been shattered by the revelation that the Democratic National Committee allocated funds raised by Gore from Federal property as "hard money" for the Clinton-Gore campaign.

Because Congressional committees do not issue threats, a third letter came from an individual member, House Rules Chairman Gerald Solomon, to inform her of the serious consequences of her continued stonewalling.

"With credible evidence reported by Mr. Robert Woodward in today's Washington Post that Vice President Gore... may have committed a felony," wrote Solomon, "I can not conceive you can so willfully neglect your duty... I should inform you that the mood in Congress to remove you grows daily. I beg you to avoid such a disgrace by appointing a special counsel today."

If it should ever come to that, Ms. Reno's best defense would be to blame the egregious ineptitude of the vaunted "career professionals" in what Justice laughably calls its Public Integrity Section.

It is now 11 months since the Asian Connection story broke. In all that time, it never occurred to those bumbling Justice bureaucrats to travel a few blocks over to the D.N.C. to find out if money raised from inside the White House was used to buy Clinton-Gore commercials. They waited to read about the crime in the Washington Post. Their lame excuse: "The focus of our energies was elsewhere."

But those conflicted, slow-walking "energies" have not been focused on tracking down and bringing back Little Rock's Charlie Trie, a suspected dirty-money conduit now lying low in Beijing. We rightly criticize White-water Independent Counsel Ken Starr for being slow; Clinton's in-house Dependent Counsel are hip-deep in Democratic molasses.

The sad part of all this is that Reno and Gore are paying the price for the political fund-raising strategy set not by them but by Bill Clinton in his infamous Sept. 13, 1995, Oval Office scullout to Riady, Huang and company.

Gore is a serious person, solid on foreign affairs except for some global warming nuttiness, and I confess to liking and often admiring him. But Clinton's anything-goes political morality reduced Gore to describing 86 wrongful calls as "a few occasions." John Huang, D.N.C. fund-raising vice chairman, brought a Buddhist leader into Gore's office to arrange a temple event; the event illegally raised \$100,000; now Gore professes to never have known it was a fund-raiser.

But here's a campaign memo from Gore's scheduler asking him to choose: give a speech to a Long Island Jewish group or "do the two fundraisers in San Jose and LA." Gore replies, "if we have already booked the fundraisers then we have to decline." To call that Buddhist fundraiser "community outreach" takes a long reach.

Gore's followers, who see him as a Clinton with integrity, are circling the wagons, expecting two years of assault by Independent Counsel when Reno chooses honor over impeachment. Martin Peretz, owner of The New Republic, has just fired his editor-columnist, the glibly gifted Michael Kelly, for taking too strong a stand against Clinton-Gore campaign crimes.

But John Huang and Johnny Chung will be flipped; Web Hubbell will be re-indicted and Jim Guy Tucker convicted; House committees will survive; the F.B.I. will shake its shackles; media momentum will build; and justice, despite the Department of Justice, will be done. □

LONDON
In 17th-century London, there were etiquette books on sale about how to behave at court, so dire was it to behave inappropriately in front of the monarch.

In the week since the death of the Princess of Wales, there has been a curious and telling reversal of roles. The public and the press had so harshly scolded the royal family, and Queen Elizabeth in particular, for making no public expression, formal or otherwise, of its feelings that the Queen was forced to capitulate. On Friday, she gave a rare address, saying that she shared in the public's determination "to cherish" Diana's memory.

The representative headline of The Daily Express, "Show us you care," reflected as much, and helped create the public's baying for emotion. A display of feeling was required from those people whose composure we normally depend upon.

If Diana had "humanized" the monarchy in a similar way to Tony Blair's humanizing of political life — through public expression of personal vulnerability and concern for the underprivileged — then the Queen, for all times, should follow suit. To be human, in this new version, is to be seen to be feeling certain things, and at the right times.

That feelings must be outed, that privacy or grief is above all for public consumption, does not seem so surprising now; sometimes shocking but not surprising.

What is surprising is the sight of the British monarchy being forced to participate in the theatricalization of everyday life, in a drama chosen for it by the people. Where once there was reticence, there now has to be a talk show. The Queen's decision to accede to the public's demand that she speak — to show and tell her feelings — may be an important moment in the wider backlash against the idea of privacy.

Christianity may have democratized privacy with the idea of the soul; everyone has this secret essence. But privacy has traditionally been the sign of privilege and power. The affluent have a lot to protect. The poor, however, are overexposed to everything — sickness, hunger, need. Indeed, it is part of the cultural legacy of the West to equate privacy with what we value most.

Today, privacy — that is, family

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How to Save Affirmative Action

By Glenn C. Loury

BOSTON
The Clinton Administration's reversal of position on a case that could be one of the most important of the Supreme Court's coming term has disappointed supporters of affirmative action. But given the tenor of the Court's recent decisions on racial preferences, the Administration has made a smart strategic move to preserve what can and should be saved of affirmative action.

The case concerns the decision of the Piscataway, N.J., school board to promote racial diversity by laying off a white teacher so that it could preserve the job of an equally qualified black teacher. Though the Administration had previously supported the school board, the brief it filed with the Supreme Court on Aug. 23 concedes that the board violated the civil rights of the white teacher.

In previous rulings, the Court has maintained that government use of racial preferences is constitutional only when such action is necessary to remedy a history of overt discrimination, or when the public goal being pursued is "compelling." Moreover, the Court has said, the use of racial preferences must be "narrowly tailored" to meet the particular goal.

The appellate court that heard the Piscataway case declared, in effect, that racial diversity could never be a compelling state interest. Should the Supreme Court completely uphold the appellate court's ruling, the use of race in decisions about hiring and firing public employees could, for all practical purposes, be prohibited.

In the Piscataway case, the avowed goal — racial diversity within a single, small department of an otherwise diverse faculty — does not seem "compelling." And the way the school board chose to pursue its goal of diversity — dismissing a white teacher solely because of her race — was not "narrowly tailored."

By acknowledging this, yet at the same time making a broader argument for affirmative action, the Administration hopes to preserve some constitutional latitude for race-based public hiring. The approach it has suggested in its brief is essentially a compromise. Even if the Piscataway school board was wrong in this spe-

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cific instance in its use of racial preference, the Administration argues, there is still a place for affirmative action, and not only to remedy past discrimination. Indeed, as it points out in its brief, there are times when taking race into account is the only way to further compelling public goals.

A police department, for example, may need to recruit a diverse officer corps to carry on effective undercover work or to retain public confidence

The Clinton Administration's tactical step back is a smart move.

in neighborhoods where there are racial tensions. At schools and colleges, a diverse faculty may, through the example of its own collegiality, teach students important lessons about working across racial lines.

Nevertheless, the absolutist oppo-

nents of affirmative action have the upper hand, in the courts as well as in the broader public debate. California now outlaws the use of race in public hiring, contracting and education. And in a case challenging affirmative action at the University of Texas Law School, a Federal appeals court ruled last year that racial diversity in a student body could never constitute a compelling state interest.

The Supreme Court declined to review that decision, but in taking on the Piscataway case, the Court has the opportunity to clarify the question of when, if ever, it is legitimate to use affirmative action to achieve racial diversity.

It would be a grave error for the Court to adopt an absolutist color-blind view on the question of whether race should ever be a factor in decisions about public employment. Moreover, it is impossible to maintain such absolutism and still uphold a commitment to prevent racial discrimination.

Consider efforts to recruit job applicants that are directed toward minority candidates — as when companies send recruiters to heavily black schools when blacks are underrepresented in their work force. Such efforts would clearly violate the color-

Calcutta's Global Ambassador

By Amitav Ghosh

THE people of Calcutta knew and respected Mother Teresa long before she became a global symbol of Christian charity. To them she was a neighbor, warm and richly human, with flashes of flinty wit evident even in her characteristically good-humored smile.

Here was a ubiquitous presence, and she seemed to gain energy even as her health failed. In the last few years, she attended as many small neighborhood functions as great occasions of state.

There was something eloquent even in the way she chose to wear her sari. She draped the garment in this style, rarely seen today, was singularly well chosen, for every Calcuttan associates it with nurture and kindness.

In the 1970's, when Mother Teresa

came to be widely known outside India, there were some in Calcutta who regarded her renown with some misgiving. They pointed out that other organizations, religious and secular, had also performed great services for the destitute. Others felt that her luster, instead of lighting the darkness, only served to confirm that Calcutta was second to none in poverty and urban mismanagement.

For the great majority of Calcutta's people, these reservations held

Mother Teresa, the good neighbor.

little meaning. They knew very well that the sick and the dying care neither about image nor about the just allocation of credit; that for the poor and destitute her very presence was a guarantee of hope.

Calcutta is not today what it was

when Mother Teresa first moved there. Over the last few years it has been transformed from the urban nightmare of legend into what is probably the most livable of India's large cities. At a time when other Indian cities are sinking ever deeper into chaos, Calcutta has become, unexpectedly, a symbol of urban rejuvenation.

Its streets have been cleaned, its sidewalks cleared, its power shortages resolved. These changes could not have been wrought except through careful urban planning, an enterprise that seems to be far removed from the direct and heartfelt response that Mother Teresa stood for.

But her presence and the global attention it attracted probably helped inspire the work that made these long-term changes possible. And in these changes, she lives.

Calcutta's Global Ambassador

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THE ARTS

Between Image and Reality in 1950's Los Angeles

By BERNARD WEINRAUB

HOLLYWOOD LOS ANGELES in the early 1950's. "It was the era of mystery and glamour, an era when everything started in that postwar boom that's still very much with us — the freeways, the idea and growth of suburbia, television, the start of the tabloid press," said Curtis Hanson...

It was also a seemingly innocent era when the sunshine, seductive ocean breezes and gleaming streets obscured the city's corrupt and violent underbelly. "Is there any city where image and reality are at such cross-purposes?" the 52-year-old Mr. Hanson, who grew up in Los Angeles, asked almost in wonderment.

These actors include Kevin Spacey as an opportunistic police detective who serves as technical director to a television show very much like "Dragnet"; Kim Basinger as a high-class prostitute who allows her clients to imagine that she is Veronica Lake; David Strathairn as a mysterious millionaire on the order of Howard Hughes, and Danny DeVito as the sleaze-mongering editor of a Hollywood tabloid.

tunity to deal with the characters and the city this way that attracted me to Ellroy's novel."

No writer has illustrated the dark side of midcentury Los Angeles quite like Mr. Ellroy, the 49-year-old author whose often harrowing and complex best sellers also include "The Black Dahlia," "The Big Nowhere," "White Jazz" and "American Tabloid."

As readers of his recent memoir, "My Dark Places," know, Mr. Ellroy knows the ugly side of Los Angeles firsthand. His parents divorced when he was 4. His mother, an alcoholic, was found strangled to death in 1958, when he was 10, apparently after picking up a man in a bar. (The crime was never solved.) He moved in with his father, an accountant and "Hollywood bottom feeder," as he puts it, and experienced "a genteel white-trash existence." The father died when Mr. Ellroy was 17, and in decades that followed he plunged into a whirlpool of drugs, booze, crime, fistfights and poverty.

Eventually he attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and, in the late 70's, started writing. All his novels are variations on the same theme, he once said: "Bad white men doing bad things in the name of authority."

The Los Angeles of Mr. Ellroy's imagination — the city of the 50's and 60's — is gone, of course, and although he remains obsessed with the city, he hasn't resided there since 1981. "In some ways L.A. is a life sentence," Mr. Ellroy, who lives in Kansas City with his second wife, said recently. "I always think I'm done with L.A., but then I keep coming back. I keep getting sucked back in to do some research, to promote this film. I don't know what modern-day L.A. is. In some ways, it's about as far away from me as Mars."



Guy Pearce, right, and Russell Crowe, the two central characters in Curtis Hanson's "L.A. Confidential."



Kevin Spacey, left, with Mr. Hanson — Think Dean Martin.

are two relative unknowns, whose performances are likely to transform them into stars: Russell Crowe, a New Zealand-born actor, who plays Bud White, a dogged, violent policeman who's smarter than he seems, and Guy Pearce, an Australian best known here for portraying a young drag queen in "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." He plays Ed Exley, a prim, ferociously ambitious police officer loathed by his colleagues.

Why did Mr. Hanson give these two actors the most important roles in such a quintessentially American tale about the conflicting tugs of loyalty, honor and ambition? "I wanted actors about whom the audience has no preconceived notion," explained the director.

Indeed, if there is a dominant theme in the movie, it is that nothing in Los Angeles — or, by extension, the United States — is quite what it seems.

"Each character appears to be one thing when you first meet him or her, but is, in fact, something else," said Mr. Hanson. "This is also my feeling about Los Angeles. It was the oppor-

The film, adapted by Mr. Hanson and Brian Helgeland, weaves many of the plot lines and characters in the novel, Mr. Ellroy's most complicated. The central story follows three policemen (the Spacey, Pearce and Crowe characters) as they edge into a spiral of corruption and retribution that joins the worlds of Hollywood, local politics and organized crime.

"I wanted to rewrite the secret history of Los Angeles to my own specifications," said Mr. Ellroy. "I wanted to write a book that was so deep, so dense, so dark it would stand as an alternative history. I wanted people to say and feel that this is how it was at the time, this is the secret scoop the newspapers never told us."

How does Mr. Ellroy feel about the film? "It's startling to see how they've telescoped my book," he said. "It's startling that Curtis and Brian took a book that was so damned complex, so multilayered and densely plotted and adapted it so successfully."

Warner Brothers had bought the movie rights to "L.A. Confidential" in 1989, but no one could quite figure out how to make such a brooding,

complicated drama until Mr. Helgeland and Mr. Hanson teamed up. Numerous high-profile projects had been offered to Mr. Hanson after "The River Wild," but he was determined to make "L.A. Confidential." "It was like I was at a poker table and had won all these chips," he recalled, "and this was the moment where I pushed them all into the pot and said, 'Whether anybody wants to do it or not, this is the movie that I want to make.'"

Unlike Mr. Ellroy, Mr. Hanson had a stable, middle-class upbringing in Los Angeles; his father was a school teacher and his mother a housewife. To his parents' dismay, he dropped out of high school and pursued his dream to make movies. His first directorial effort, in the early 70's, was a little-known horror film, "The Arousers," starring Tab Hunter. He also directed "Losin' It," a 1983 film about teen-agers going to Tijuana to find sex, which featured Tom Cruise's first starring role. "It was re-edited and marketed as a pseudo-'Porky's,' an unhappy experience," said the director.

After that film he began to have a better time of it with "Bad Influence," "The Bedroom Window," "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" and "The River Wild." But he longed to make a picture about the Los Angeles of the 50's and 60's, the city of film-noir classics like Don Siegel's "Private Hell 36," Robert Aldrich's "Kiss Me Deadly," Nicholas Ray's "In a Lonely Place" and Stanley Kubrick's "Killing."

Enter Arnon Milchan, the founder of Regency Enterprises, who had a deal with Warner to release various films developed by his company, including "A Time to Kill," "Heat," "The Client" and "Under Siege." Mr. Hanson walked into the offices of Mr. Milchan, an Israeli-born businessman, with a portfolio of photographs of the 1950's that illustrated the theme of appearance versus reality: newspaper and publicity pictures depicting the city's buoyancy, and grim shots from crime scenes; pictures of actors like Aldo Ray and jazz musicians like Zoot Sims and Chet Baker.

"Let's do it," said Mr. Milchan. "Just like that?" Mr. Hanson replied. "You haven't even read the script."

"I see the movie in your eyes," said Mr. Milchan. Mr. Curtis recalled with a laugh, "I thought, 'Yeah, yeah, we'll see how far this goes.'"

It went quite far. Mr. Milchan endorsed virtually every major decision made by the director on the \$40 million film, including Mr. Hanson's plan to cast Mr. Crowe and Mr. Pearce.

"Physically people were different; they weren't all aerobicized," said Mr. Hanson, referring to the 50's film's whose style he was emulating and to the performances of actors like Humphrey Bogart, Steve Coch-

ran, Ralph Meeker, Gloria Grahame and Howard Duff. "It's seven or eight years after the war. The police force was made up of ex-soldiers. The cops had beer bellies. They weren't jogging or going to the gym; they all had sidewall haircuts. People smoked and drank, and the women had that look of indeterminate age that gave them the appearance of wisdom beyond their years."

Mr. Hanson knew precisely the sort of actors he wanted. After testing Mr. Pearce, who is a popular television actor in Australia, the director avoided seeing "Priscilla." "I felt the decision to cast Guy Pearce, who was even less well known than Russell Crowe, was going to be risky," said Mr. Hanson, "and I didn't want to see him running around in a dress for two hours."

To prepare for their roles, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Crowe rode on patrol with Los Angeles police officers. More important, they watched training films from the 50's. And Mr. Crowe said that watching Sterling Hayden in "The Killing" significantly influenced the way he played the gruff, tormented Bud White.

A few years before, Mr. Hanson

had sought to cast Mr. Spacey as the father in "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle," but the studio, Walt Disney, rejected the idea because it felt the actor wasn't well known enough. "He was always fighting diligently to cast me in films over the years before I ever made a mark," Mr. Spacey said of Mr. Hanson.

For their first meeting to discuss the possibility of Mr. Spacey having a part in "L.A. Confidential," the director and the actor went to the Formosa Cafe, one of numerous old Hollywood hangouts depicted in the movie. Mr. Spacey recalled that Mr. Hanson banded him the script and said, "When you read this part, I want you to think two words: Dean Martin."

Mr. Hanson also met with Ms. Basinger at the Formosa. "It was almost like a 1950's spell comes over you when you're in that place," she said. "We were sitting in a booth, and Curtis brought all these pictures of the 1950's, like the arrest of Robert Mitchum, and he had these beautiful photos of movie stars, and — it sounds strange — I was just kind of mesmerized and seduced into taking the part."

Though Ms. Basinger said she hardly considered the movie a comeback for her, she acknowledged that good roles had been elusive for her in recent years. She has been plagued by stories that she behaved temperamentally on the set of the 1991 film "The Marring Man," where she met her husband, Alec Baldwin. And her old-style movie-star looks may actually have worked against her.

"People categorize you," she said. "And it's sometimes difficult to contend with. The way I look has sometimes stopped me; it's hurt me. Once you have that little phrase 'sex symbol' attached to your name, it gives people this instant persona that's difficult to overcome."

In the end, of course, the star of "L.A. Confidential" is not Ms. Basinger or Mr. Spacey, or even Mr. Crowe or Mr. Pearce. It's Los Angeles.

"It's not a city like New York or Paris where you get an instant charge," said Mr. Hanson. "The first impression of L.A. is nothing. It's spread out. It's difficult to get a handle on."

"L.A. is what you make of it," he concluded. "Just like life itself." □



Kim Basinger in "L.A. Confidential." portraying a high-class prostitute — "Seduced into taking the part."

FAMILY TIES

BY RANDOLPH ROSS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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29 A small one is white
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50 Mel's daughters
54 Farm females
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57 Synthetic fiber
58 Mawkish
59 Life's strange turns
60 Throws off
61 Not esto or eso
62 Univ. grant source
63 Member of Glenn's family
67 Elemental ending
70 Competitor of Bloomin's
72 Part of a candlelight ceremony, maybe
73 Where zebras and giraffes graze
75 They travel on foot
77 Subatomic particle
78 Unruffled
80 Soprano in "Louise"
81 Michael J.'s kids
83 Understand
84 Gyn equipment
86 One for Juan
87 Kind of alphabet
88 Hurricane heading, Abbr.
89 50's-60's teen idol
90 French bench
92 Hoarder
94 Side in a Euro conflict
96 Jasmine's family member
99 Uranians, e.g.
101 Kind of exhaust
102 Provide, as with legal authority
103 Lizard, old-style
106 Hitched
110 Member of Joyce's family

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7 Kitchen meas.
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9 "Able" one
10 Capital once known as Salisbury
11 Masfield's — "That Pass By"
12 Testing site
13 Ben-Gurion carrier
14 Liqueur flavor
15 Traveler
16 Close friend, in slang
17 Hoedown date
18 Squiggly shape
20 "What's it become"
23 Dog bowl bits
28 Investor's concern
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35 Anita, Bonnie, Ruth and June
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37 Flip, in a way
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69 Climbing plant with a dye-yielding root
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113 Tiny carp?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A grid containing the answers to the previous crossword puzzle, such as "BARNABY", "REARERS", "ORIGINE", "ALPHABET", "ALANAG", "ALPINE", "PEEPER", "ALANAG", "ALPINE", "STARBUCK", "OPARENTS", "MORNING", "GYROFLIGHT", "ANALOG", "GYROFLIGHT", "MADCONSUMER", "REPORTS", "LILE OOR", "ATE", "VAP", "ATSEA", "CANOE", "BOCCIE", "JETTHEATLANTIC", "ONTOLLY", "EXITEO", "OUTDO", "NUGER", "EEG", "NIC", "NIT", "BIT", "PNEUMONIA", "REARERS", "ORIGINE", "STRESSED", "ETTA", "DUON", "MARIO", "ISRAELI", "ELPS", "GEORGE", "MATHIS", "NOMELITE", "MARIO", "ISRAELI", "ELPS", "ATTEND", "CHATEL", "ACACIA", "TOESLN", "ORIGINAL", "ESSEGE", "SRATCH", "CINEMA", "ESSEN".

A voice from Albright's past

When Madeleine Albright took time off for a little vacation last week, in advance of this week's trip to the Middle East, she did not head for the beach. She had a more important trip to make: to the villages of Letohrad and Kostelec in the eastern Czech Republic, the towns where her parents were born. She was on a private visit to search for her Jewish roots.

"She has her holiday now and she's looking for her ancestors," an official at the Kostelec town hall was quoted as saying.

To do that, Albright need not go further than Jerusalem and speak with 85-year-old Avigdor Dagan, for he and Albright's family go back 66 years, to that very town of Kostelec.

"My father represented several big companies who were importing food, and Eastern Bohemia was his territory," says Dagan, a former Israeli ambassador to Poland, Norway and Austria. "There was this little town of Kostelec, 10,000 people maybe; altogether I don't think that there were more than 150 Jews. Most of them were assimilated, I don't even know if there was a synagogue in that town, or whether they went to some of the neighboring towns."

"At one point, my father was very ill, so I had to take over for him for two or three months. I went a few times to Kostelec, and there I met [Albright's grandparents, Alois and Anna (Ruzena) Spieglova]."

"I can't really say that I knew them, but I met them several times. The grandmother was a quiet woman with whom I didn't really speak at all, but I conducted business with her grandfather."

"He was a typical small-town Jew, telling Jewish jokes and wanting to hear Jewish jokes... I can't tell you much more about him. I suppose they went to a synagogue for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, and that was about all that they practiced of their Jewishness, as did many, many others."

THE STORY might have ended there, but nine years later, the family paths crossed once more. This time it was in London, where Dagan fled 15 days after the Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia. Five days earlier, two-year-old Madeleine and her parents, Josef and Mendula Korbel, had also arrived there.

Dagan arrived in London with a list provided by the Zionist Organization of Czechoslovakia of 70 Jews thought to be in danger, to procure British visas for them. He was briefed in his task by the future Czech prime minister, Jan Masaryk, who invited him a year later to join the Foreign Ministry of the Czech government-in-exile.

One of Dagan's responsibilities was to ghost-write Masaryk's speeches, which were broadcast over the BBC to Czechoslovakia. As it happened, the head of the broadcast depart-

The US secretary of state will meet with many figures during her Mideast trip this week. But only one can give her insight into her own history. Elli Wohlgeleit meets the man who knew Albright's family



Avigdor Dagan would be happy to talk to Albright, to tell her of his memories of her parents and grandparents. (Bryan McBumey)

ment of the Czech government-in-exile was Josef Korbel. "So this was the beginning of my contacts with Yosef Korbel," says the white-haired and still

About Korbel's Jewishness, Dagan remembers only that it was taboo to talk to him about it. But it wasn't a secret to those who worked with him. "Everybody knew it."

sharp Dagan, interviewed in his Kiryat Moshe Jerusalem apartment. "I was on the ground floor, he was on the first or second floor.

but we saw each other several times a week, for five years. We were on very good terms.

"About his Jewishness, I remember only that it was taboo to talk about it." It was taboo to talk with Korbel about it, but it wasn't a secret to those who worked with him.

"Everybody knew it," says Dagan, his voice dropping an octave. "Everybody knew it. He had already worked in the Foreign Ministry in Prague, and there were very few Jews - I remember there were only three or four in the Foreign Ministry in Prague, so they were very well-known, and he was one of them."

"Besides, everybody knew that his name was not Korbel originally, but 'Kurbel,' with an umlaut. Korbel is a Czech word meaning a small beer vat. But 'Kurbel' is a small basket, and this was a typically Jewish name. When they spoke about him, nobody spoke about 'Korbel,' everybody spoke about 'Kurbel,' so everybody knew that he was a Jew.

"But he tried to hide it. If you started talking about some Jewish subjects - and during the war there were many, many reasons to start such a conversation - he closed up, how do you say

it? Like a clam.

"For the Americans this is something difficult to grasp, this kind of assimilation. There were many Jews of this type in

"I feel sorry for [Albright]. She had parents who had these fixed ideas that one has to get rid of Jewishness and never admit it."

Central Europe, so I knew that there was no point in trying to persuade him [to reveal his Jewishness].

"In general there are two kinds of assimilation: people who want to be Czech, or British or French, but who know that they were born Jews. They're not trying to use it in any way, but on the other hand, they are not trying to hide it. Jews like [Henry] Kissinger, who never made a

secret that he was of Jewish origin, or Leon Blum [the French prime minister in the late 1930s, and after whom Kfar Blum is named]. There is a whole row of statesmen, important statesmen of this kind.

"But then there are the assimilationists who do it as a planned program - they are getting rid of the trappings [of Jewishness] and they are trying to hide it.

"In the middle there are people like [former Austrian chancellor] Bruno Kreisky, whom I knew well during my time as ambassador in Vienna. They are clever enough to know that they cannot get rid of it - though they would like to.

"In central Europe, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, much less in Poland, really, but also in Hungary, there was this second type of programmatic assimilation. And Josef Korbel was a part of this kind of assimilation, and this is why I believe he really didn't tell his daughter that she had any Jewish origins. I completely believe that. In that part she is innocent."

On the other hand, asks Dagan, how could she not have known about her Jewish origins later on? "She is too clever not to have asked questions, so it is difficult for me to believe that she didn't know," says Dagan. "Besides, we know already from *The Washington Post* - and I think they were right - that when she was nominated to the United Nations she went to the president and told him, 'I must tell you that there is a possibility that I have Jewish ancestry.' At that stage she must have known."

Her father's attempt to hide his Jewishness, Dagan says, had more to do with his position as a diplomat than his fear of antisemitic persecution.

"It was both, of course, but at the time when he became an assimilationist, we didn't think that things like that would happen in Czechoslovakia too. He was already working in the Foreign Ministry, but to have a career there, to rise in the ministry, is a different matter.

"And he knew very well that the Czech Foreign Ministry was not immune to antisemitism - there were antisemites there just as in any other office of that kind in another country. So I suppose, this was also a consideration."

As a colleague in the Czech diplomatic corps, Dagan had nothing but the highest respect for Korbel. "He was an excellent diplomat, he knew the ins and outs. I admired his intelligence, his political know-how, his diplomatic capability. Among the younger diplomats in the Czech Foreign Ministry, he was undoubtedly, I think, the best equipped. He was very clear, and he was a diplomat who lived it - it was his life!"

THE LAST time Dagan saw Korbel was after the war. "It must have been in 1946 or '47, in Prague. I was sitting in the Foreign Ministry there, and he came to see me in the office. He came from Belgrade to organize Tito's visit to Prague, a famous visit. We met several times during his stay in Prague. That was the last time I met him."

Dagan remembers Mendula, Albright's mother, as "a lively, clever, petite woman with a sometimes sharp tongue," whom he used to see at diplomatic events, and also at the office, where he first "met" Madeleine Albright.

"She was a little kid, she was four years old at the beginning of the war, so I didn't speak to her," he says laughing. "But her mother brought her from time to time to the ministry to visit Josef."

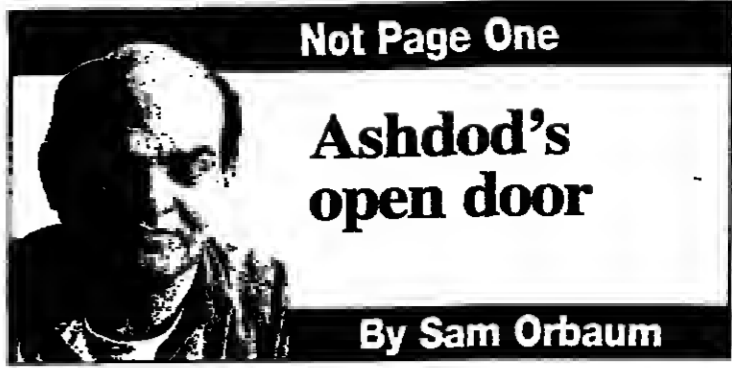
Today Dagan would be happy to talk to Albright, to tell her of his memories of her parents and grandparents. Perhaps he is the only person alive who could tell her such tales.

"I would be very honored to talk to her. I can't tell her much more than I told you now, but I can tell her small things, very unimportant things, about her maternal grandparents. Madeleine looks a little bit like her maternal grandfather. There is a similarity with her mother, but she reminds me more of her grandfather than her mother."

Dagan says he feels only compassion for Albright, and pride. "I feel sorry for her that she had these parents who may have been very good parents to her, but who had these fixed ideas that one has to get rid of Jewishness and never admit it."

At the same time, he says, "I am rather proud of her, proud of the fact that she had some Jewish roots, and I'm also proud that she came from the same country as I do - I think she still speaks Czech.

"As a story of a refugee child who made it, and on top of it, a Jewish refugee - it's a great story, a great story. She really achieved something."



Not Page One

Ashdod's open door

By Sam Orbaum

Come in, sit down, eat something, speak your mind. Or just listen. But make sure you say hello to the lady in the corner.

Ellen Dunn's apartment is Ashdod's grand central station. High-society it ain't; a seedy two-room walk-up in the decaying old Moroccan neighborhood, humble, strictly functional, and if you think Ellen's gonna offer any excuses, forget it.

This is not, as homes can be, an expression of self, an existential statement, a symbol: it's an address, nothing more. Good thing, too, because Ellen's life cannot be represented by walls.

If there is a metaphor for her 67 years, it's her open-house policy. Folks come and go, the wind blows in or doesn't, you never know who or what to expect. She's unfettered by convention, by expectations - by nothing but a bum leg that is her only harness. She's not even held back by what people think.

"Couldn't find anything but lies in Christianity, so I read. I'm a big reader. I read myself right into Judaism." She was 42 when she converted, Orthodox, in Brookline, Massachusetts. "Told the rabbi I was gonna live in Israel. Don't know why I said that, I never even thought it, but here I am, an Israeli."

A couple of American ladies step in and flop onto the couch, which has borne a lot of tushies in service to Ellen. A curt nod from the corner is enough of a welcome. "Gwan, eat," she commands gruffly.

The stoppers-by have plenty to talk about, most of it Ashdod gossip. Ellen grins, smirks, chorales, lights up a czecho, directs a barbed comment or two. Her eyes dart to the door; Valentina, an animated Russian woman, enters.

"Hiya. Drinks're over there." An American leaves with a flourish, replaced by a Canadian and a Brit, and an older couple - a dapper yekke and his Yemenite wife - with nothing to say. The old gossip is passed on and new subjects arise. It's getting crowded; the Canadian says toodloo.

Almost unnoticed is a tight-lipped, humorless young Russian woman named Rena who immigrated half a year ago, to the day. She seems lost in the English-language jabber, but it turns out she was an English teacher "in a secret city near Ekaterinburg."

When talk moves on to The Jewish Question, she suddenly blurts out that nowhere in the world is it safe to be a Jew but here in Israel.

Joanna, an erudite, thoughtful woman who grew up free in the Land of the Free, can't let that go by, and the bitchat turns to hot debate. The confrontation is uncomfortable for some, but over there in the smoky corner, Ellen's loving it.

There's enough food on the coffee table for 100 hungry people, but the noshers and nibblers hardly make a dent - until Yitz bursts in. Yitz is a portbellied former banana picker from the Bronx (I know - there's no bananas growing in the Bronx; that's what he did for three years on kibbutz).

Yitz, avuncular and voiceful, guffaws at Ellen. "Jeez, didya see what's goin' on downstairs? They got a goddam casino goin' on down there!"

Ellen shrugs. "No kiddin'. Police been here three times already, they shut 'em down, but they can't stop 'em." She laughs raspy. "Wanna join 'em?"

She speaks affectionately about her Moroccan neighbors, who always drop in when they're not busy with, uh, other things. "Noisy, but I love 'em. This guy downstairs, when I screwed up my leg, couldn't get down to the mailbox - turns out he was taking out my bills and paying them himself. Didn't tell me about it. Wouldn't even let me pay him back when I found out."

Stay long enough, and you'll go out that door with a couple of Ellen's tales, perhaps a philosophy if you ask for it.

"Got this bill from Income Tax. A million shekels. They didn't know who they were dealing with. Then they drop it to 80,000 and start jerking around with my bank account, then 50,000 and I tell 'em good luck, Charlie. I tell 'em, 'If I wait long enough, you'll be paying me.' Heh heh! It got down to a few shekels and then they became adamant. So did I. Eventually some computer burped and they paid me 2,500. Heh heh!"

She's blonde, weighty, a former symphonic oboist. She believes in reincarnation - judging by her eyes alone, she might've been an eagle once - and says she's had mysterious experiences throughout her life. Parallel to finding her Judaism, she tracked down her natural family, one at a time - including her brother, who had been "officially" dead for 22 years, since World War II. "His brain was altered by the US Navy. They faked his death. He knew something dangerous. He couldn't tell me; no one ever did."

When Ellen found her parents, she opened a new door - to her generational roots. Their parents became known to her, and theirs and theirs and theirs. "We've got this family tree now. Goes back to 90 BCE."

"What?!"

"Really. Give me a minute, I'll go get the window shade."

She comes back with an old-fashioned spring-mechanism blind, and unrolls it. Meticulously, in pencil, she has drawn the Temple family descent from Ellen Dunn to Harderick, the earliest known Saxon king. "He claimed to be the ancestor of Wotan the Norse sun god. Interesting, eh?"

(They won't admit it, but half the people crowded around for a look are nostalgically excited by the window shade.)

She explains that land-ownership records in England made it possible to go that far back.

If a pencilled entry on a window shade is proof enough, her mish-pocha includes Alfred the Great, first king of England, and a Crusader who was buried under the walls of Acre. And Leofric, Leofric married Lady Godiva.

"No kidding!"

"Yeah. But she's only related by marriage."

You can be sure if Lady Godiva's reincarnation walked through the door here, Ellen wouldn't be at all surprised.



In search of roots: Madeleine Albright visits her father's hometown during a private trip to the Czech republic last week. (AP)

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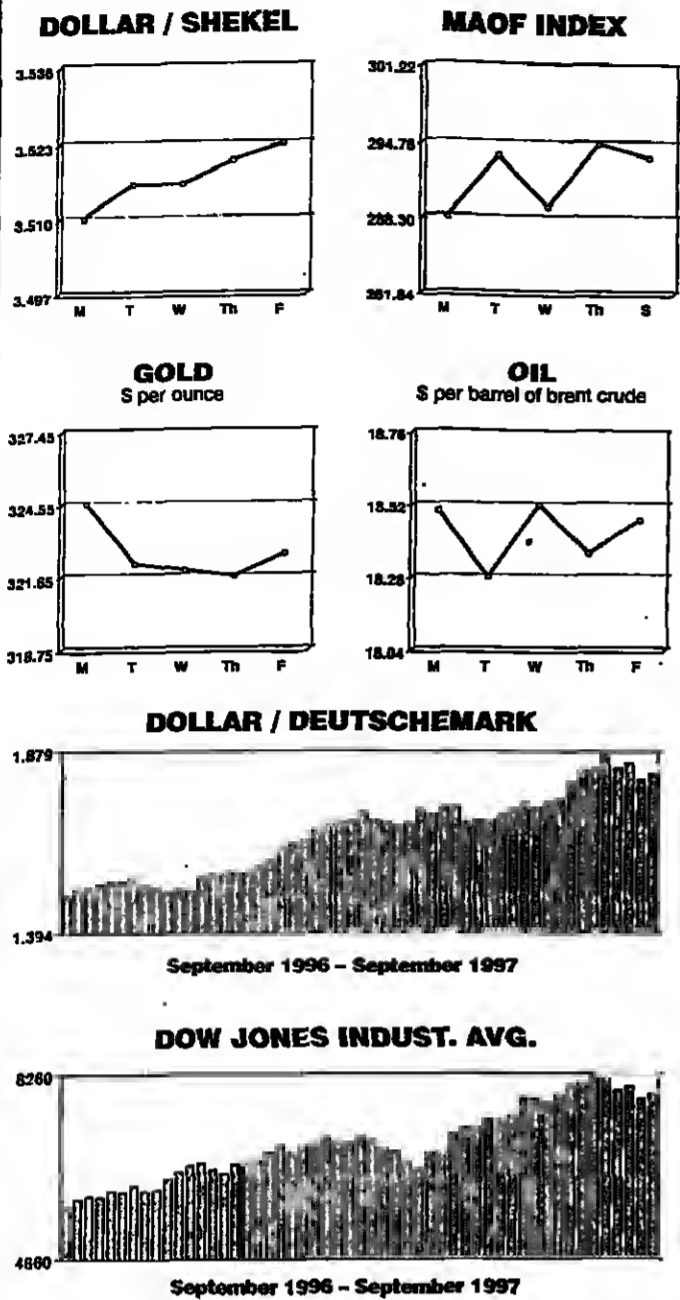
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in brief



Canada approves Teva's Copaxone

The Canadian Health Protection Branch has approved the distribution of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.'s multiple sclerosis treatment Copaxone, the company announced yesterday. With some 50,000 victims, Canada has one of the highest rates of the disease in the world.

Jennifer Friedlin

PM

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"We all wish to get out of Lebanon," Netanyahu was quoted as telling the cabinet at its weekly session, "but we must make sure that this is done under the proper conditions. Idle talk about a quick pullback under enemy pressure from Lebanon only encourages Hizbullah and their like."

The cabinet heard reports on the Lebanese situation from the defense minister, the chief of staff, and the heads of the navy and intelligence.

Netanyahu reportedly said a withdrawal from Lebanon "must only be discussed inside the cabinet and not in public. There are no facile solutions, no instant panaceas." He reportedly singled out Science Minister Michael Eitan, saying: "Whatever you have to impart can be said right in here in the cabinet. Stop giving so many interviews."

Communications Minister Limor Livnat reportedly wondered aloud whether Eitan, who several months ago issued a joint position paper on the continuation of the Oslo process with Labor MK Yossi Beilin, "is not now synchronized with Beilin in their simultaneous advocacy of a hasty exit from Lebanon."

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman reportedly inquired whether Eitan could be considered as "abetting insurrection."

Eitan later issued a statement saying he was only calling for "an exhaustive review of Israel's policy in Lebanon, but this review must not take place under pressure at this juncture."

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein reportedly argued that "any talk about the IDF withdrawing from Lebanon while our soldiers carry out their sacred task there damages morale."

Meanwhile, the IDF inquiry into Friday's abortive commando raid - in which 11 naval commandos were killed, one was missing and presumed dead, and four were wounded - issued preliminary findings yesterday. The report said the commandos may have been killed both by Hizbullah explosive devices and gunfire, and by the detonation of explosives they carried.

According to Channel 1, the inquiry headed by OC Home Front Command Maj. Gen. Gabi Ophir stressed that this was one of the possibilities being investigated, after tests had been carried out on the wounded and deceased to determine the cause of their injuries, and compare the types of explosives used by Hizbullah and the commandos.

Netanyahu declared that the commandos were killed by the explosion of charges they carried with them. The statement drew criticism from various sources, causing Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak to declare that Netanyahu's statement was only one of the possibilities being studied.

According to Channel 1, the inquiry is examining a theory that the unit's commander strayed slightly from the route and stepped on a Hizbullah mine, which in turn detonated charges the troops were carrying. The inquiry has not ruled out other possibilities, including that charges carried by the commandos exploded due to a technical failure, which drew Hizbullah fire, or that the commandos walked into a Hizbullah ambush.

The most worrying possibility of all is apparently an intelligence leak. In a press conference Friday afternoon, Chief of General Staff Maj. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak stated that it would have been very complicated for Hizbullah to have known the route of the commandos, but he could not rule it out.

Meanwhile, Mordechai yesterday visited the family of Third Ferry Officer Itamar Ilya, who is missing but presumed dead. At their Arad home, Mordechai assured the family that everything possible is being done to return their son's remains.

Israel has lodged a formal request with the International Red Cross Committee asking for its assistance in retrieving Ilya's body. Committee head Iov Giovanni said yesterday the organization had forwarded a request to the Lebanese authorities and is waiting for a reply.

"We will do everything possible to return Ilya's body to his hometown in Arad for burial in Israel," said Mordechai outside the parents' home. "I hope that no factors will interfere. We have always endeavored to return our fighters home."

Hizbullah and its Shi'ite rival Amal announced they are holding parts of the body of the missing commando, but made it clear they would make use of the body parts to arrange an exchange for Lebanese prisoners being held by Israel and the South Lebanese Army.

In a telephone conversation with Mordechai on Friday, US Secretary of Defense William Cohen expressed his condolences on behalf of President Bill Clinton for the loss of lives in the commando raid and the deaths of innocent victims in the triple suicide bombing in the capital on Thursday.

Cohen assured Mordechai the US government would do everything possible to assist in returning Ilya's body.

Cabinet set to OK budget cuts today

Treasury officials sure of success despite widespread ministerial discontent

By DAVID HARRIS

Treasury officials last night expressed confidence the cabinet will today approve the details of the 1998 NIS 2.3 billion budget cut, despite the reservations of several ministers.

Among those expected to vote against the Treasury proposals, or at least abstain, are Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, and Interior Minister Eli Suissa. Others are likely to vote against individual proposals, including Immigration and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who both object to planned cuts in aid for new immigrants.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman yesterday held talks with both Mordechai and Hammer, whose respective ministries face substantial cuts laid out in a 150-page Treasury document. Neither session proved sufficient to resolve the substantial differences of opinion.

The education budget is facing a cut of 15,000 teaching hours in the current academic year and the same amount next year, plus an NIS 80m. cut in spending in 1998 and a further NIS 40m. in 1999. In August, both at cabinet and

Knesset levels, Hammer and his National Religious Party colleagues voted against an additional cut to the 1997 budget and seem likely to follow suit over these latest proposals.

Among the Finance Ministry proposals are:

- National Insurance Institute - reducing the size of child benefit payments on the first and second children for those in the upper income brackets;
- Education Ministry - postponing by four years plans for free education for three- and four-year olds;
- Labor and Social Affairs -

creating new criteria for those claiming unemployment benefits;

- Finance Ministry - reducing the size of the international division and making the revenue collecting departments more efficient;
- Prime Minister's Office - cutting NIS 6m. from the budget;
- Internal Security Ministry - reducing spending by NIS 83m.;
- Foreign Ministry - closing 15 legations abroad;
- Tourism Ministry - transferring responsibility for tourism information to the private sector and reducing by some NIS 90m. the aid available for tourism

investment under the capital-investment aid program;

- Science Ministry - closing the ministry;
- Agriculture Ministry - reducing product subsidies by NIS 15m.;
- Communications Ministry - lessening government involvement in Channel 3 television to save NIS 8m.

"These [and the remaining] proposals are efficiency measures rather than cuts," a Treasury official said yesterday. "We are confident the package will be approved by the cabinet."

Matza yesterday accused the

Treasury of creating two health systems; one for the rich, the other for the poor.

He is calling for NIS 1.3b. to wipe out health service debts, but the Treasury is insisting there be no payment and Matza implement the changes.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon expressed opposition to the Finance Ministry proposal to transfer many of the activities of the Public Works Department (PWD) to private companies.

"Implementing the Treasury decision will bring about the break-up of the PWD and the redundancy of most of its employees," said Sharon. "It will harm the government's ability to control implementation of its policies regarding the needs and order of priorities, especially in the building of roads."

During meetings yesterday with various ministers, Neeman tried to persuade his cabinet colleagues to accept the Treasury's proposals as a way to ensure the budget deficit does not rise above the self-imposed target of 2.4 percent of the gross domestic product.

Meanwhile, Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz called on the government to postpone today's meeting, saying that while the labor organization called off its industrial action following Thursday's terrorist attack in Jerusalem, it will not hesitate to call a strike if the cuts are approved.

17 trade offices to close

The Treasury is proposing to close 17 trade offices between Israel and the rest of the world, said the Ministry of Industry and Trade's (MIT) Deputy Minister, Industry and Trade director general. The Treasury has not yet disclosed which 17 offices will be closed, but the ministry is the vehicle for the ministry's 38 offices in 17 countries.

The Treasury has proposed two ways to compensate for the resulting personnel cuts. One is to have some areas' Foreign Ministry officials would be transferred to the ministry, while others would be absorbed by industry and trade representatives. While the Foreign Ministry officials insisted that, as in other regions, industry and trade officials' increased workload might make their work more responsible for those regions.

In Eastern Europe, for example, there is a possibility of decreasing the number of delegations. Treasury sources said, "You don't need to have a physical presence in every place in order to do the work." Any cutbacks will greatly hurt businesses that maintain small offices.

Arison to exercise Hapoalim option

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Arison group, which won the tender last week for the sale of Bank Hapoalim, plans to exercise its option to acquire an additional 21.5 percent of the bank within 18 months, Arison Investments managing director Shlomo Nehamah said yesterday.

Arison will pay the government the same price it did for the purchase of the original 43% stake. The price for that stake was NIS 4.8 billion.

The second acquisition would put Arison in control of about 64.5% of the Bank. The government would continue to hold 5% while workers would hold 7%.

The remaining shares are traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Israeli-American businessman Ted Arison did not attend the press con-

ference about the deal in Tel Aviv. Nehamah said Arison lost his voice and flew to Europe on business.

Nehamah added that Hapoalim chairman Amiram Sivan would not step down or be replaced. "We will ask Sivan to continue," he said. Arison met Sivan in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Nehamah said that the group paid a "good price" for the bank. "We came for a long-term and we will be involved in the bank for a long time," he said.

The bid values Hapoalim at NIS 11.2b., which is 18% higher than the bank's market value.

In a statement, Arison, founder of the Miami based cruise line operator Carnival Corp., said that "Winning the Bank Hapoalim tender represents a major step on my return to contribute to the state of Israel and

its economy from the experience and the financial power I have acquired."

He added that Israel is undergoing great changes from a centralized market to a modern economy based on the principles of economic freedom and private initiative.

"I am sure that in this process the group I have put together will have an important contribution," Arison said.

The Arison group includes the Israeli Dankner family, Len Abramson, the founder of US Healthcare Inc., veteran Wall Street financier Michael Steinhardt, Charles Shusterman and Hyperion Capital Management.

The group beat out a rival consortium led by Jeffrey Keil, the former president of Republic Bank of New York, and Israeli financier Eliezer Fishman, which offered to buy 46%

of the Bank.

Nehamah said that each partner would have a representative on the board of directors while Arison himself was not interested in a seat.

The new owners will start looking for a candidate for Chairman of the Board to replace Emanuel Sharon.

"We will choose a professional man that would be able to work with the management," Nehamah said.

The group hasn't developed plans for the bank's management, structure, focus of activity, or investment portfolio, Nehamah said. He views the 11,700 employees of the bank and its subsidiaries as a "central asset that should be developed and protected."

The agreement with the Arison group still needs to be ratified by the Treasury and the Knesset Finance Committee.

CompuServe to be sold for \$1.2 billion

By DYLAN HATGAN

KANSAS CITY, Missouri - CompuServe Corp. and H&R Block Inc.'s online service were

expected to be sold today to WorldCom Inc., for almost \$1.2 billion in stock.

The transaction, which values CompuServe at about \$13 a

share, would give WorldCom, the nation's fourth-largest long-distance telephone company, a bigger customer base for its Unnet Technologies Internet services unit. It also lets H&R Block exit a business it's been trying jettison for more than a year.

"That's great news," said Jeffrey Kagan, president of Kagan Telecom Associates. "The huge base WorldCom has of small and medium businesses is perfect for CompuServe."

Officials of H&R Block, based in Kansas City, Missouri, and Jackson, Mississippi-based WorldCom weren't immediately available for comment. CompuServe officials said they are in "active discussions" to sell the Columbus, Ohio company.

The sale is subject to approval by the companies' boards. They were scheduled to vote on the proposal yesterday, the people said.

WorldCom shares fell 5/16 to 31 1/2. CompuServe advanced

5/8 to 13 1/2 and H&R Block declined 9/16 to 40 3/16. H&R Block now will concentrate on its main tax-preparation business, analysts said.

It plans to expand its profitable services for higher-income customers, provide mortgages and increase its international business, they said. "I expect H&R Block's shares to go through the roof," said Paul Mackey, analyst at New York-based Buckingham Research Group Inc.

WorldCom wants to buy CompuServe for its network of business customers, who generally pay bigger Internet fees than individuals.

The purchase will expand the network run by UUoet Technologies that links corporations to the Internet and distant offices.

CompuServe's revenue from corporate customers is growing while sales to individuals are declining.

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Glum national mood pushes stocks lower

Tel Aviv stocks dropped after Thursday's terrorist bombing in Jerusalem and the failed commando raid in south Lebanon on Friday.

Greenspan: Price stability on horizon

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Celgene wins victory for its Thalidomide drug

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largest bank based on assets, slipped 0.5 percent after the government said it sold a 43 percent share for \$1.37 billion and an option to purchase another 21.5 percent.

Bank Leumi advanced 0.75%, Discount Bank eased 0.25%, while First International Bank Series 5 dropped 3.25%.

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The Fed is attempting to "assess the implications for financial and economic stability of the extraordinary rise in equity prices - a rise based apparently on continuing upward revisions in estimates of our corporations' already robust long-term earnings prospects," Greenspan said.

The Fed chairman has made it clear in the past that the Fed is the enemy of inflation, not growth. If there's no inflation, the Fed doesn't need to boost borrowing costs to brake an expanding economy.

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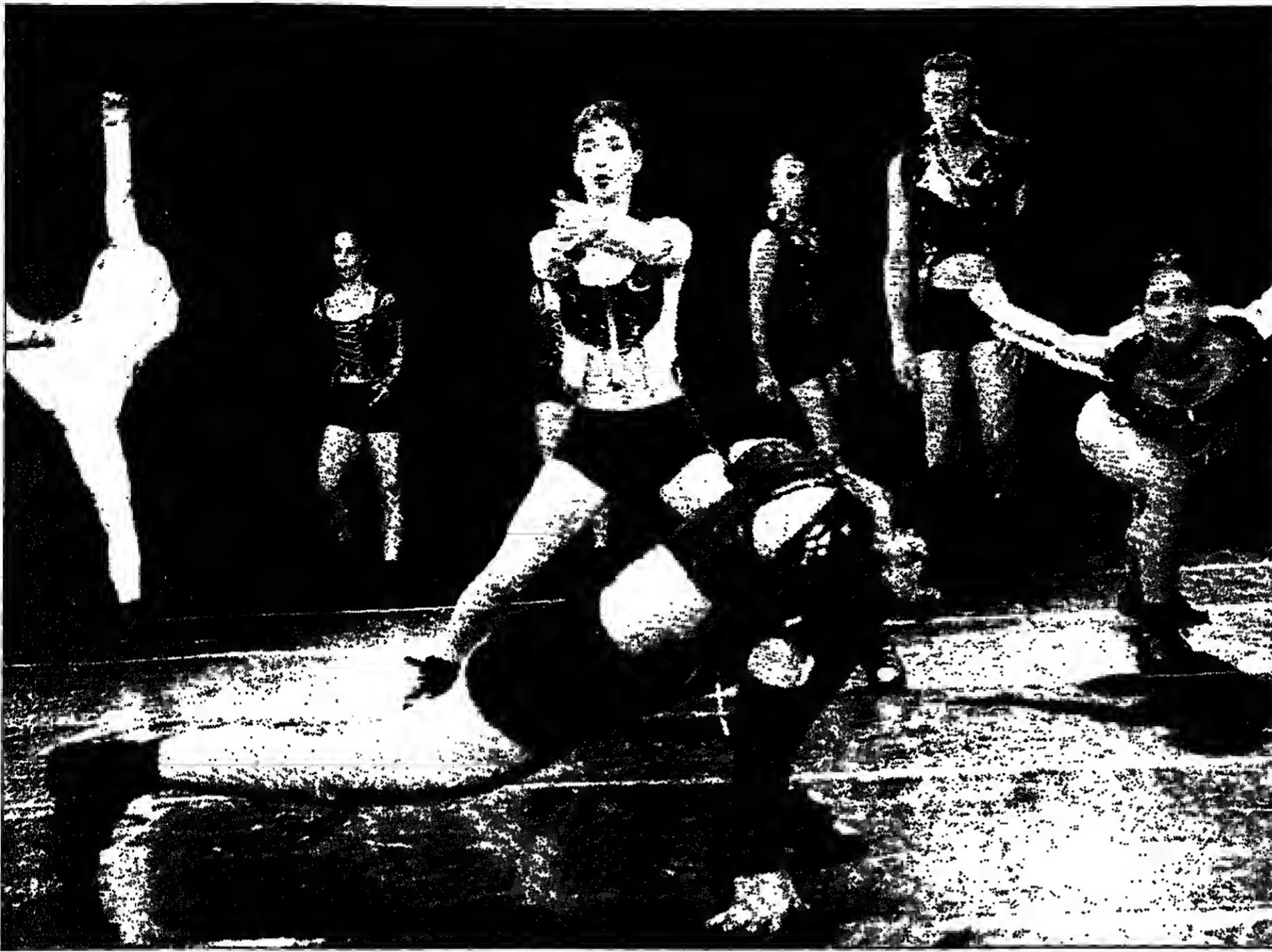
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The machinations of 'Hamlet'

By HELEN KAYE

Choreographer/dancer Amir Kolben enjoys "creating problems for myself so that I can solve them," which means integrating voice, music, computer and video technology into the dance pieces he creates.

Hamletmachine is his latest. Kolben has been wanting to do it for 10 years. It's based on the play by the late German playwright director Heiner Muller (1929-95). He based it on the original by Shakespeare which, says Kolben, "can be seen as a play about a political murder in which the guilty also inherit."

Entirely uncoincidentally, the 70-minute multidisciplinary work for

12 dancers starts with video footage from Michael Karpin's documentary film on the events that culminated in the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Muller's fragmented short play, first performed in 1977, presents a different Hamlet, a man whose first line is "I was Hamlet," who then goes on to wish himself a machine existence, freed from thinking or pain.

"Muller's play speaks of the discordancy and disintegration to come, and Rabin's murder connected it to our political reality," says Kolben, agreeing that "the work is a sort of protest but all of a sudden I started to study and take dance seriously. Zvi [Gothelmer] was my friend. We'd played in the

company, Kombina, which works out of the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance where Kolben has recently become head of the dance department.

He never meant to be a professional dancer. That career began with the epiphanic moment he saw his friend, a violinist like himself, dancing with Batsbeva Dance Company (BD).

Born and raised on Kibbutz Ramat Hashofet, Kolben says, "I studied violin very intensively for 11 years from the age of 10. I don't know when I started to get interested in dance. I was always athletic, and perhaps that helped, but all of a sudden I started to study and take dance seriously. Zvi [Gothelmer] was my friend. We'd played in the

work, which actually had its premiere in Hungary at the Sagad Opera.

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No one held a candle to Diana

By PAUL MALENDE

ODE TO THE PRINCESS OF LIGHT

Elton John said yesterday he hoped his emotional tribute to Princess Diana, "Candle in the Wind," would raise up to \$15.9 million (NIS 56 million) for her favorite charities.

In one of the emotional high points of the funeral service, John performed an updated version of his 1974 song for Marilyn Monroe who, like Diana, died at 36. The song was rewritten on Tuesday night in California by his lyricist Bernie Taupin who finished it in an hour.

The rock star, who went straight from her funeral in Westminster Abbey to record the song with Beatles' producer George Martin, said he had very nearly broken down at the end of his eulogy to speak youth.

"At the beginning of the last verse my voice cracked and I was really chock full of emotion. I just had to close my eyes, grit my teeth and get through it. It was more emotional when I had finished. It was such a huge relief to have sung it and not got the words wrong."

Fearful that he might slip back into the words of the old song, John admitted that he used a teleprompter in the abbey service. "I had to say, I cheated," he told BBC television.

The single of the song will be released within a week, and all proceeds will go to a charity fund set up after Diana's death to support her favorite charities. "We could raise a substantial amount of money - I hope between five and 10 million pounds." (Reuters)

The following is the text of the modified version of Elton John's "Candle in the Wind."

Goodbye England's rose; may you ever grow in our hearts. You were the grace that placed itself where lives were torn apart. You called out to our country, and you whispered to those in pain.

Now you belong to heaven, and the stars spell out your name.

And it seems to me you lived your life like a candle in the wind: never fading with the sunset when the rain set in.

And your footsteps will always fall here, among England's greenest hills; your candle's burned out long before your legend ever will.

Loveliness we've lost, these empty days without your smile.

This torch we'll always carry for our nation's golden child. And even though we try, the truth brings us to tears; all our words cannot express the joy you brought us through the years.

Goodbye England's rose, from a country lost without your soul, who'll miss the wings of your compassion more than you'll ever know. (Reuters)

Georg Solti: A final tribute

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Legendary conductor Georg Solti died Saturday. It will be hard to imagine the music world without him.

Born on October 21, 1912, in Budapest, where his teachers at the academy included composers Bartok and Kodaly, he began his musical career as a pianist. After assisting Toscanini in Salzburg, he made his conducting debut in Budapest in 1938. Finding that many doors in Hungary were closed to Jewish musicians, he moved to Switzerland, where he won the Goeova International Piano Competition in 1942.

During his admirable career, he served as music director of the opera houses of Munich and Frankfurt and of the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, as well as the Orchestre de Paris, the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Solti was undeniably one of the greatest conductors of the 20th century.

He was first and foremost a

Verdi, Wagner, Mahler and Richard Strauss conductor, although he has also ventured into Mozart, most recently recording *Don Giovanni*. Other relatively recent recordings include Wagner's *Die Meistersinger of Nurnberg* and Verdi's *La Traviata*.

After hearing about his death, I put on his recording of Strauss's *Arabella*. A touching Viennese love story celebrating love and life, Solti imbues this rendition with his personal magic.

When he was 75, the maestro said, "I have no intentions to retire while I can still move my two arms and legs." He added, "I am not an active Jew ... but I am very grateful

for being Jewish because my musical talent obviously has something to do with the mixture of Hungarian and Jewish. It's a very fertile mixture."

Sir Georg Solti was made CBE in 1968 and KBE three years later. He appeared several times with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. He was last here in 1986, during the IPO's 50th anniversary celebrations.



George Solti (Sue Adler)

Desperation in the desert

By ADINA HOFFMAN

Set on a stretch of wide-open highway somewhere in the American southwest, *Breakdown* wastes no time in intubing the shrubby desert landscape with an ominous air. Before we've had time to let that flat, clay-red emptiness sink in, we're steered by the camera to the sight of a spanking new jeep with Massachusetts plates, cruising across the expanse. The yuppie driver (Kurt Russell) and his smoothly dressed wife (Kathleen Quinlan) are so clearly out of place here that we're already shifting uneasily, and nothing has yet gone wrong.

Soon enough it does. First they nearly collide with a battered pickup whose sneering owner threatens them from under his handle-bar mustache and cowboy hat. Then their car dies and a trucker (J.T. Walsh) offers help. Quinlan accepts a ride to go call a mechanic while Russell waits

BREAKDOWN

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Directed by Jonathan Mostow. Screenplay by Mostow and Sam Montgomery. Hebrew title: *Azirat Peta*. 93 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult. With Kurt Russell, J.T. Walsh and Kathleen Quinlan

behind. After several hours, he manages to restart the car, and sets out to find his wife. She, however, has disappeared without a trace.

No one - including the trucker, who now claims he has never seen Russell before in his life - can corroborate his story, and as he grows more and more panicked, we may begin to wonder if perhaps he's nuts. (The "breakdown" of the title is obviously meant to be psychic as well as automotive.) Or has she really been kidnapped? If so, there must be a major conspiracy at work, whose accessories include the state troopers and every random passerby. The eerie blankness of the horizon only adds to the mystery, and to the sense that something more must be going on than



The eerie blankness of the horizon adds to Kurt Russell's mental deterioration in "Breakdown."

immediately meets the eye.

For the first half of the film, director Jonathan Mostow works efficiently, his crisp technique fitted neatly to the spare backdrop. The script (written together with Sam Montgomery) has a no-nonsense economy and is admirably free of gimmicks, unfolding according to the trite, scary conventions of an old-fashioned B-movie thriller, with psychology and suspense taking precedence over action and effects. Russell's mental state deteriorates gradually, believably, as he moves from irritation to frustration to outright desperation, and Mostow thickens the atmosphere with the help of restrained yet pregnant photography as well as a marvellously suggestive percussive score by Basil Paalodouris.

Breakdown simply breaks down, and the movie turns into just another mean-spirited, stunt-filled action flick, with the requisite violence (emotional as well as physical) and self-righteously middle-class hero who resolves to fight back and teach those white-trash scumbags a thing or two.

Although *Deliverance* plainly serves as inspiration, at least thematically, Mostow's picture lacks that film's deep-down horror at its own increasing violence and instead sets about its revenge-getting business mechanically, as if supplying an audience with brutal and illogical cheap thrills were an inevitable, even obligatory, part of what movies do. Nonsense. After managing to create tension by simple, earnest means, the filmmakers should have stuck to it. They underestimate their audience.

Ortiz: Beethoven with Beersheba

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Two days after she landed in Israel for a series of concerts with the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba, Brazilian-born pianist Cristina Ortiz admits that the welcome she received this time around was far from ideal.

"I was in Israel several times before, but here I came and it was like suddenly I'm in the middle of a war. It was a big shock and yes, I panicked. I even asked myself for a second, should I leave?"

But then the internationally renowned pianist realized that in such a situation the best thing she could do was try to "give pleasure to those who will come to the concerts. I did finally calm down. After all, you could die anywhere in the world."

Ortiz will play Beethoven's third piano concerto as planned, an opus she feels very much attached to. "This is the first Beethoven concerto I ever played - when I was 13, back in Brazil - and anything you do for the first time you always remember. I have not played it in about ten years, so it's nice to return to it."

Ortiz maintains that this concerto "is the mid-term progress of Beethoven's concerto writing. It is a typical Beethoven concerto and more. The slow movement is a sort of recitative and more reflective than what you might find in other Beethoven works. The third move-

ment is like Hungarian folk music in a way and very tricky." But the major reason Ortiz likes this opus is that "in this concerto, it is the pianist who leads everything and the orchestra follows the soloist. It is like I'm really in charge."

Ortiz, who was born in Bahia and grew up in Rio de Janeiro, left her homeland at age 15 on a scholarship to study in Paris. Nowadays, after studying in Philadelphia, she makes her home in London from where she embarks on her numerous concert tours. "For many years I did not play in Brazil, but in the past five years I began returning regularly and playing there for my old admirers, as well as a new generation of music lovers who do not know me. When I go to Brazil, it's like recharging my batteries."

For Ortiz, the most important thing in life is to be happy. To be happy, she plays a lot of chamber music.

"I also like to play just for fun with amateur musicians. My main aim is to give pleasure to people. My way of relaxing is to make music. When my two daughters (18 and 16) were younger, I did not play at all during the summer, but now that is no longer necessary," she says.

Cristina Ortiz plays Beethoven's third piano concerto with the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba tonight in Beersheba, Wednesday in Jerusalem, and Thursday at the Tel Aviv Museum.

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Scotland win keeps France '98 hopes alive

ABERDEEN (Reuters) - Kevin Gallacher continued his one-man bid to put Scotland into next year's World Cup finals when he scored twice in their 4-1 win over Belarus yesterday.

The victory put his country back on top of qualifying group four and they now lead Austria, who went top on Saturday after beating Sweden 1-0, by one point.

The Blackburn striker has now scored five goals in the last four games of this qualifying campaign in which Scotland, Austria and Sweden are all in contention for the sole automatic place.

Austria will win the group if they beat Belarus home and away in their last two matches, and Scotland must now hope Belarus can do better against Herbert Prohaska's side in Minsk on Wednesday than they did here on Sunday.

Gallacher put Scotland ahead after only five minutes when he pounced on a rebound off Belarus keeper Valeri Shantlosov.

Substitute David Hopkin stretched the lead in the 54th minute with his first goal for his country before Gallacher added another two minutes later.

Petr Kouchourov pulled one back for Belarus with a 73rd-minute penalty but Hopkin rounded off the victory with a superb 87th-minute shot.

The match was delayed from Saturday to avoid clashing with the funeral of Princess Diana.

Coulthard dedicates win to Diana

MONZA (Reuters) - Briton David Coulthard won the Italian Grand Prix yesterday and then dedicated his victory to the memory of the Princess Diana, whose funeral was held in London on Saturday.

The 25-year-old Scot, who admitted to fighting with his emotions as the British anthem was played and the national union flag raised behind him while he stood on the victor's rostrum, won the race in a McLaren car powered by a Mercedes-Benz engine.

Asked if he dedicated his triumph to the late Princess, Coulthard said: "Yes, I am dedicating it to her memory. I was very aware of the mood of the country back home. I had the pleasure of meeting her at Silverstone in 1995 when I finished second in the British Grand Prix and I still have a picture of her."

Coulthard's win was his second of the season.

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1. Michael Schumacher (Germany) 67 points
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Fighting Irish squeak by Georgia Tech

ND notches first win for new coach before 80,255 at South Bend

NEW YORK (AP) - Notre Dame opened a new era with an unimpressive victory Saturday, while Northwestern was upset by Wake Forest for the second straight year.

Playing for a new coach in a newly expanded stadium, the 11th-ranked Fighting Irish edged Georgia Tech 17-13 on Aubrey Denison's 1-yard touchdown run with 2:37 left.

"We didn't play as well as we could have and we didn't play as well as we should have," Bob Davie said after winning his debut as Notre Dame coach before a crowd of 80,255, about 21,000 more than the old stadium at South Bend.

"We're going to have to play a lot better in the future. But it certainly is fun to build on a win." Notre Dame trailed 13-10 with 7:42 left in the game before quarterback Ron Fowlus, who had thrown interceptions on the two previous series, engineered the winning drive.

Fowlus scrambled for 10 yards and completed an 11-yard pass to Denison to set up the score.

The Yellow Jackets, who missed two field goals in the fourth quarter, had a final chance to win. But they were forced to punt, and the Irish ran out the clock.

At Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Brian Kuklick directed three second-half touchdown drives that gave Wake Forest a 27-20 victory over No. 21 Northwestern.

Last September, the Demon Deacons stunned then-No. 13 Northwestern 28-27.

"I think this one was more significant," Wake Forest receiver Desmond Clark said, "because I think the press was looking at the last one as a fluke."

Kuklick completed 23 of 33 passes for 273 yards on Saturday. He was nearly flawless on Wake's three TD drives in the second half, completing 15 of 19 for 183 yards and two scores.

No. 1 Penn St. 34, Pitt 17
At State College, Pennsylvania, Mike McQueary threw for a



HANDS OFF - Notre Dame's Bobby Brown tries to elude Tech's Jason Bostic.

school-record 366 yards and two touchdowns as Penn State won its season opener. McQueary, a fifth-year senior who was a backup the last four years, also set a school record with 370 yards in total offense as the Nittany Lions resumed their series against their traditional Trans-Pennsylvania rival.

No. 3 Tennessee 30, UCLA 24
At Pasadena, California, Peyton

Manning passed for 341 yards and two touchdowns as Tennessee held off UCLA despite Cade McNow's 400-yard passing performance.

Manning, who is the preseason Heisman Trophy favorite, completed 28 of 49 passes and was intercepted only once in his return to the Rose Bowl, where he played his first college game in 1994.

No. 4 Wash. 42, No. 19 BYU 20
At Provo, Utah, Rashaan Shehee ran for 171 yards and scored two touchdowns as Washington ended BYU's nation-best 12-game winning streak. Brock Huard threw for 285 yards and three scores, and Jerome Patton caught seven passes for 163 yards as the Huskies beat the Cougars for the third straight time.

How the top 25 teams in The AP's college football poll fared through Saturday:

- No. 1 Penn State (1-0) beat Pittsburgh 34-17. Next: vs. Temple, Saturday.
- No. 2 Florida (1-0) beat Central Michigan 82-6. Next: vs. No. 3 Tennessee, Sept. 20.
- No. 3 Tennessee (2-0) beat UCLA 30-24. Next: at No. 2 Florida, Sept. 20.
- No. 4 Washington (1-0) beat No. 19 Brigham Young 42-20. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.
- No. 5 Florida State (1-0) beat No. 23 Southern California 14-7. Next: vs. Maryland, Saturday.
- No. 6 Nebraska (1-0) did not play. Next: Central Florida, Saturday.
- No. 7 North Carolina (1-0) beat Indiana 23-6. Next: vs. No. 17 Stanford, Saturday.
- No. 8 Colorado (1-0) beat No. 24 Colorado State 31-21. Next: at No. 14 Michigan, Saturday.
- No. 9 Ohio State (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bowling Green, Saturday.
- No. 10 LSU (1-0) beat Texas-El Paso 55-3. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
- No. 11 Notre Dame (1-0) beat Georgia Tech 17-13. Next: at Purdue, Saturday.
- No. 12 Texas (1-0) beat Rutgers 48-14. Next: vs. UCLA, Saturday.
- No. 13 Miami (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Saturday.
- No. 14 Michigan (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Colorado, Saturday.
- No. 15 Alabama (1-0) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sept. 11.
- No. 16 Auburn (1-0) beat Virginia 28-17, Thursday. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.
- No. 17 Stanford (1-0) beat San Jose State 28-12. Next: at No. 7 North Carolina, Saturday.
- No. 18 Clemson (1-0) beat Appalachian State 23-12. Next: at North Carolina State, Saturday.
- No. 19 Brigham Young (0-1) lost to No. 4 Washington 42-20. Next: at Arizona State, Sept. 20.
- No. 20 Iowa (1-0) beat Northern Iowa 66-0. Next: vs. Tulsa, Saturday.
- No. 21 Kansas State (1-0) beat Northern Illinois 47-7. Next: vs. Ohio U., Saturday.
- No. 22 Northwestern (1-1) lost to Wake Forest 27-20. Next: vs. Duke, Saturday.
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